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Local dignitaries prepare game plan to save hospital

On Dec. 3, 1999, Mayor Lea and Richard Marz, M.L.A. Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills invited representatives from the community to meet to discuss the future of the Didsbury Health Centre.

Over 16 people attended the meeting including four physicians, staff from the hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, Rosebud Foundation, 5-0 Club, Mountain View Management Board, RHA5 board member, and elected officials.

The intent of the meeting was to open lines of communication between the community and RHA5.

All in attendance agreed that a cooperative approach to this important issue would ensure that the Didsbury Health Centre would be both viable and available to the medical needs to Didsbury and district residents.

All in attendance agreed that a long term plan needs to be addressed and formulated to properly address the critical issues facing the health centre.

Mayor Ray Lea feeling confident

By Nicole Smith

After last Friday's meeting, Town of Didsbury Mayor Ray Lea is feeling quite certain that our hospital can be saved from becoming a long-term care facility exclusively.

"We feel this hospital is going to be acute care and emergency until the day it closes its doors," Lea said.

"We're not going to give up on this lightly," he said.

The physicians stated that the hospital is open for business and the public will be attended to as normal.

In fact, it was agreed by all that the hospital is more busy than ever and the public should feel confident that their needs will be addressed accordingly.

Mayor Lea stated that the goal of Council is to facilitate open dialogue with RHA 5 and encourage positive discussions about the future of the Didsbury Health Centre.

Richard Marz asked that the community work in concert with RHA5 to effectively address the immediate concerns shared today.

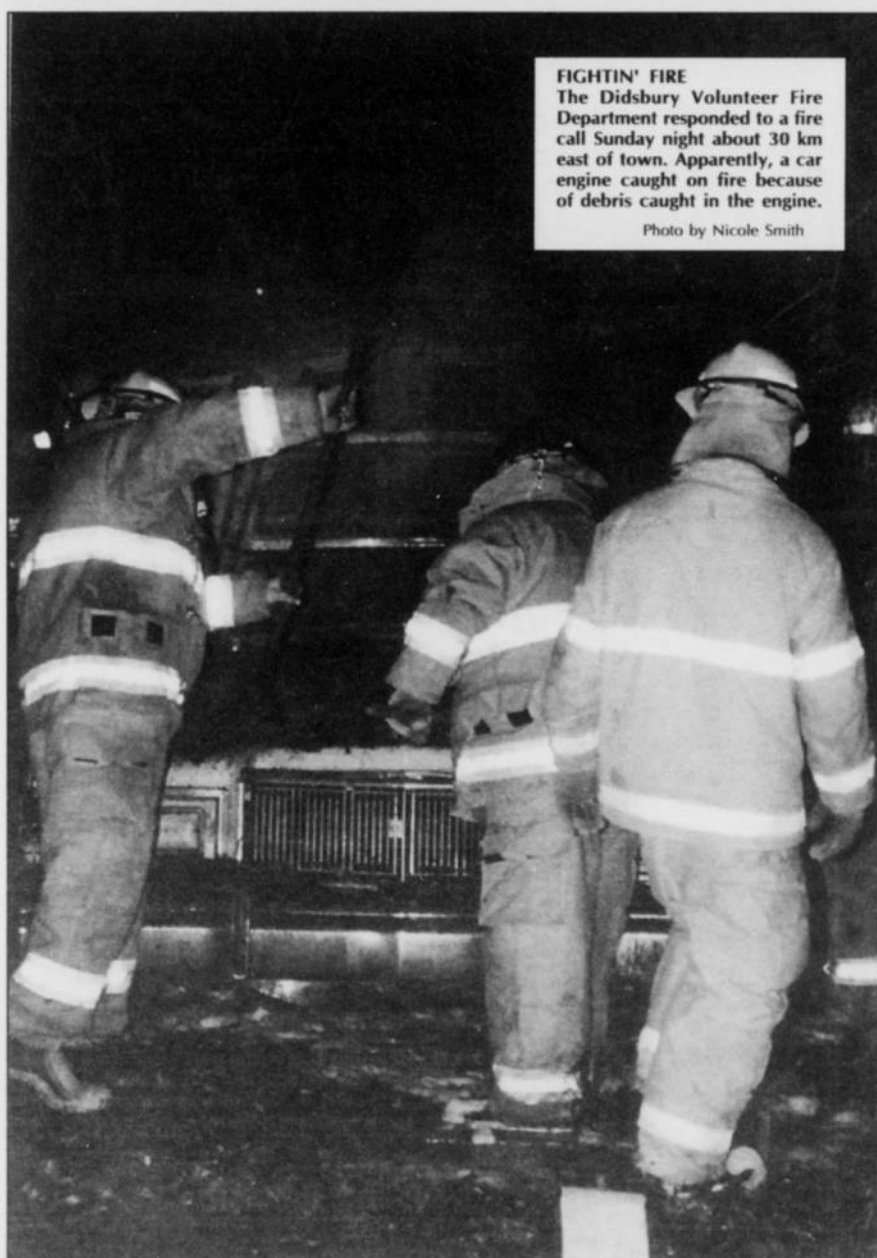
The next meeting will take place on Thursday, Dec. 16 in Didsbury to continue serious negotiations with RHA5.

Elected officials from the communities of Didsbury, Mountainview County, Carstairs, Cremona, Crossfield, and our M.L.A. will meet with the chair and vice-chair of RHA5 as well as our local representative on RHA5 to continue talks.

Lea wants to let the public know that he is prepared to do whatever it takes to keep our hospital as it is.

"I want people to know we are using whatever means possible and I will not stop until we get a long-term plan about the hospital," Lea said.

"We are going to do everything that is possible to keep our hospital open to whoever needs it," he said.



FIGHTIN' FIRE

The Didsbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire call Sunday night about 30 km east of town. Apparently, a car engine caught on fire because of debris caught in the engine.

Photo by Nicole Smith



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In the courts: Dangerous driver handed \$800 fine

By Colleen Horrigan and Dan Singleton

Guilty on assault charge

Judge Bruce Fraser handed down what he called a minor fine to a man who entered a guilty plea to a charge of assault in Didsbury provincial court Dec. 1.

Brian William Vice, 39, was charged as a result of incidents that occurred June 30 in Olds. Crown prosecutor Shirley Jackson told the court that on that date, police were called to attend a residence in which a

domestic dispute had happened.

Vice was arrested and charged with assault when police found he had torn the clothing of his common-law wife during the argument. The victim refused to give police a statement, later telling them everything was fine.

Judge Fraser said that the evidence before him was that of a very minor assault and sentenced Vice to a \$100 fine and \$10 victim fine surcharge, with one month to pay.

Dangerous driver convicted

A B.C. man entered a guilty

plea to a charge of dangerous driving as a result of incidents that occurred near Olds on July 26.

Michael Phillips, of Vernon, B.C., was charged after police received a complaint at about 9 p.m. from a motorist who witnessed Phillips driving on Highway 2A south of Olds, according to Crown prosecutor Shirley Jackson. The court heard that the accused was seen driving northbound in the southbound lane, causing other motorists to veer onto the shoulder to avoid him.

When police pulled over the accused, he was slow to respond and showed signs of impairment. The Breathalyzer was administered twice, resulting in readings of 130 mg and 120 mg of alcohol.

Judge Fraser handed Phillips a fine of \$800, a victim fine surcharge of \$80 and a three-month driving prohibition.

Olds man admitted to stealing licence plate

Michael Charles Wickwire, 26, currently of Olds, was in Didsbury provincial court Dec. 1 to answer to charges of possession of stolen property and owning an uninsured vehicle on a highway.

Crown prosecutor Shirley Jackson told the court that the accused was charged on May 6 when police saw a red Cavalier parked on a street in Banff with a licence plate that had been reported stolen by a Banff woman on Jan. 8, 1999 and had expired Dec. 31, 1998.

Police found that the Cavalier was registered to the accused and subsequently charged him.

Wickwire was remorseful,

and told the Judge that he now realized the negative consequences his behaviour was causing, after losing his dream job at the Banff Springs Hotel, and that he really hoped this would be the last time he would appear in court.

Judge Fraser said he would take the accused's word for it and sentenced him to pay a total of \$660 in fines and surcharges for the two convictions and ordered him to pay \$100 restitution to the victim of theft of the licence plate.

Man stole bolt cutter

A 21-year-old Olds man who helped himself to a bolt cutter he found in the back of a pick-up truck has been handed one day in jail.

Lee Lucky pleaded guilty on Nov. 29 to charges of theft under \$5,000 and failure to appear in court.

The accused was apprehended by a civilian moments after he

took the cutter from the vehicle in Olds early on the morning of May 30, court heard.

Lucky was held in custody for four days prior to the court appearance. The judge handed him a one day sentence. The accused had failed to show up for an earlier scheduled court session, prompting the failure to appear charge. He was fined \$100 on that count.

"You got off easy this time," Judge Cloz told the accused, warning him that any future criminal activity would be looked upon very unfavourably by the court.

Emergency preparedness projects supported

The Honourable Art Eggleton, Minister responsible for emergency preparedness announced Nov. 9 that the government of Canada is continuing its support for emergency preparedness across Canada by contributing just over \$4.6 million, in the current fiscal year, toward approximately 250 projects under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP).

This federal commitment is combined with another \$6 million commitment from the provinces, territories and local communities for a total exceeding \$10 million under JEPP.

"Through this program, the government of Canada works in close cooperation with the provinces and territories to provide local emergency preparedness and response personnel with the training and tools they need to provide services to disaster victims when required," said Minister Eggleton.

The JEPP contributions support programs and projects initiated by provincial and territorial emergency measures organizations, as well as community-based projects - for example, the development and updating of emergency plans, the conduct of emergency exercises, equipment purchases and the establishment of infrastructure and telecommunications for emergency services and public information and awareness initiatives.

"In addition, JEPP is fully consistent with the federal government's employment objectives because JEPP projects are undertaken in partnership

with the provinces, territories, and local communities to promote the training of emergency personnel, and to procure goods and services in support of emergency preparedness across Canada," said Minister Eggleton.

Federal JEPP funds are allocated to provinces and territories on a per capita basis and the projects are evaluated according to national priorities established annually in consultation with the provinces and territories.

Since JEPP began in 1980, and including the commitments announced today, the total federal, provincial, territorial and local contributions toward emergency preparedness projects carried out under the program exceeds the \$200 million mark.

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Harmattan Open House successful for the County

by Carla Victor, Olds
Albertan

More than 100 seats were set out and filled by curious ratepayers at the Mountain View County Open House held at Harmattan Community Centre, Dec. 1.

County Reeve, Ian Harvie, Division 4, and Councillors Gerald Ingeveid, Division 5, and Sheila Lockrem, Division 6, were in the hot seats up front.

Councillors Dave Derksen, Pat James, Ben Penner and County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude were available in the audience to answer any questions they could.

The budget, tax rate, revenue, expenses and ambulance service were discussed by Ingeveid.

"You have got to look at lowering taxes," said a concerned citizen.

Many ratepayers agree, stating they are being taxed to the hilt.

Lockrem went into depth on the topic of planning and economic development.

"We are very busy in Municipal Planning," she said, "we hired a consultant to become pro-active with the development."

The County has already received 793 applications in total, 60 per cent for subdivision, and expect to receive at least 1000 before the year is completed.

"We are looking at significant growth, we have had 200 homes built just this year," said Lockrem.

The subjects of county roads and rural fire cooperation were covered by Harvie.

He fielded questions about 30,000 yards of missing gravel, the County name change and County land inventory, specifically land seized for non-payment of taxes.

Collective moans and groans and some humorous advice came from the audience when Lockrem took the podium once more to relate the cost of a new county building.

At the November County meeting, council decided to ask for input from ratepayers about what to do with the failing county building, build new or renovate.

"It ain't that old," said one man, "it was only built in 1961, and if that's old I have no hope."

Harvie explained the cost of building goes up when it's a public building because they have higher standards that have to be met for the elderly and handicapped.

"The price floored council when they heard it the first time too," said Ingeveid.

The cost of a new building is estimated at \$2.85 million, renovations with expansion is \$2.35 million, cost of renovations with no expansion \$1.85 million and \$675,000 for fixing

what needs to be repaired.

Q: How many estimates have you done?

A: One. Council set aside \$12,000 to look at the cost of what needed to be done, this estimate cost \$6,000.

"If you are telling us to go out and get more quotes, we will. That is why we asked for your direction," said Harvie.

Q: Why wasn't this brought up before the election.

A: The issue was brought up to council in February, 1999.

Q: Estimates never come in accurate, it becomes a snow-ball effect. How can we trust this quote?

A: Council has used this firm in the past for building schools when the county was in the business of building schools and they always came in about five per cent under budget.

"We started this process so you can give us your opinion. If it is gonna be done it will be tendered out," said Harvie.

Suggestions were many.

"If you don't have enough room then get a portable, they are good enough for school why aren't they good enough for county."

"Get the Town of Didsbury, Mountain View County and RCMP all in one building."

Harvie answered they had looked into that but the RCMP have a rule, their building must not be shared with any other government.

Museum will be "just fine"

By Nicole Smith

Members of the Didsbury and District Historical Society (DDHS) say that any financial troubles that the Museum was having are soon to be a thing of the past.

Members of the society were in attendance at last Wednesday's meeting at the request of the Didsbury Town Council. Council asked that they attend a meeting to present their financial statements from the past couple of months, as well as a proposed budget for the year 2000 operating year.

Council became concerned with the Museum when members of the DDHS requested a \$2,000 advance from their operating grant for 2000.

Harry Penner, a member of DDHS, spoke on behalf of the society during their delegation.

"We could have done without (the advance)," Penner said. "Looking back, it was probably a mistake."

The DDHS says that they are back on track with their money situation, even after a story that was printed in the Calgary Herald said otherwise.

"We are not in trouble," said Penner, "no matter what the report from the Calgary Herald says."

"We are not going under."

Penner says that in the proposed budget for next year "the expenses and revenue roughly balance."

The society admits that things were tight for a while, after a new heating system was put into the Museum last year.

"We were scrambling for a little while, but it's not going to last," Penner said to council.

Penner says that the DDHS has made application to Mountain View County for funding as well.

"We've been temporarily turned down," Penner said. "We feel rather confident that we'll get it."

The group says that they have set specific goals for the Museum and plan to follow through with them.

"We've got some new blood and some new ideas," he said. "We're going to be just fine."

Mayor Ray Lea spoke on behalf of council, saying, "We're glad to hear that."

The DDHS thanked council for continuing to provide them with funding.

"We are very grateful for what we get from the Town," Penner concluded.

Concern expressed about gazebo relocation

... and other town council notes

By Nicole Smith

Gazebo's moving

At last Wednesday's regular town council meeting, a motion was passed to relocate the gazebo from Main Street to the Rosebud Valley Campground.

This issue was first discussed by council at their annual retreat last month.

Council weighed the pros and cons of relocating the gazebo and eventually decided that it would be best to remove it from downtown.

Some of the pros included: vandalism likely decreasing; number of parking stalls would increase; by moving it to the campground, another attractive feature would be added there; and, it would be supervised and monitored at the campground.

Cons included: a \$2,000 price tag on professionally relocating it; the building would require new set up; and, that the youths would lose their current shelter.

Councillor Don Watt received a phone call prior to council from a concerned resident who doesn't want the gazebo moved. Watt says that she expressed a lot of concern as to where these youths would go once the building was moved.

Watt says he feels that they may move up onto the platform

of the train station.

Discussion of the gazebo and the community youth turned to the problems that some of them may be having.

Councillor Gordon Quantz made a motion that the Community Service Advisory Board be handed the issue of who these people are and what help they need.

This motion came in response to the issue of used needles being found in our area, and other such problems.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Borrowing by-law

Council has granted third and final reading to By-Law 99-14, the Borrowing By-Law.

This by-law pertains to the issue of borrowing funds for the new RCMP detachment, which is scheduled to break ground next spring.

The deadline for public response on this by-law was on Nov. 18. No negative responses were received.

Proclamation

The Didsbury Town Council has proclaimed March 2000 as Kidney Month in town.

Council has also endorsed the Kidney Foundation's March Drive door-to-door campaign from March 1-12, 2000.

No parking

Council was approached by Westward Products Ltd. concerning the parking of commercial vehicles along 19th St., across the street from Westward Products.

Apparently, trucks trying to leave or enter through the gate on the north end of Westward Products' lot have to make wide turns and cannot safely do so if there are vehicles parked across the street.

Discussion on this matter occurred between Wes Yeoman, Director of Operational Services, Robert Wigg, Planning and Development Officer, Greg Hnatiuk, Community Constable and Keith Walroth from Westward Products on this matter.

Council has passed a motion to post a sign on the west side of 19th St. saying "No Parking Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Utility rate changes

Council has endorsed the proposed change of utility rates for Town of Didsbury residents, as proposed by Brenda Hemming, Director of Corporate Services.

These new rates are described as "win-win situation" for both the residents of Didsbury and the Town.

The present rates are: Assuming the customer uses 3,000 gallons of water, minimum billing of 1,500 gal (whether consumed or not) is \$5.35; additional 1,500 gallons at \$5.60/1,000 is \$8.40, for a total water bill of \$13.75.

The proposed rate will be: assuming the customer uses 3,000 gallons of water, administration fee of \$4.50; first 1,500 gallons at .0006 is \$0.90; additional 1,500 gallons at .0056 is \$8.40, for a total water bill of \$13.80.

Hemming says in her report that this new billing will hopefully eliminate the public perception that the Town is "trying to rip them off."

This proposed billing rate is expected to be implemented around February of 2000.

FOIP appointment

Alana Hagel has been appointed the FOIP Coordinator for the Town of Didsbury.

Hagel attended a FOIP Coordinator course on Nov. 22-24 in Calgary.

The Town must have a coordinator appointed for the purposes of administering the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act in accordance to a request.

Fee increase

The Town of Didsbury has increased the fees for swimming lessons at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre.

Preschool lessons (Beach Tot program) and the AquaQuest Levels 1-6 has increased from \$24 to \$26 per session. AquaQuest Levels 7-9 has increased from \$29 to \$31 per session and AquaQuest Levels 10-12 has increased from \$31.50 to \$33.50 per session.

Also, school swimming lessons will see an increase from \$22.50 to \$24.

The new rates will take effect in Session #2, which will begin on various dates in February of 2000.

Stop work order issued

A Stop Work Order has been issued to Jim Noble, the occupant of Lots 1,2,3 - Block 9 - Plan 474 1 at 2016 - 20 St., which is the Ed Nolin Building.

A letter was hand delivered to Noble on Nov. 23.

Noble has until Dec. 8 to remove all his property and person from the building and to cease the use of the building.

The reason for this stop work order is that Noble does not have a valid development permit nor the permission of the registered owners to use the land.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

A worthless cause?



**Nicole
SMITH**

Two weeks ago, at a private meeting with Health Authority 5 and a few hand-picked members of the public, an announcement was made that the Didsbury Hospital may be closing its doors to emergency and acute care patients forever.

Since this information became public, the citizens of Didsbury have banded together to try and keep our hospital the way it is.

Letter-writing campaigns are going on all over town. Faxes are being sent to the Health Minister Halvar Jonson, our MLA Richard Marz and Premier Ralph Klein. The people of Didsbury are letting their voices ring loud and clear as they face this 'state of emergency' head on.

The one person's voice, who I would expect to hear over this din of disapproval, is Jim Ramsbottom, the Chief Executive Officer for HA5. I'm sorry Mr. Ramsbottom, could you speak up?

I would think that if Mr. Ramsbottom thinks this proposal to make our hospital a long-term care facility exclusively is such a great one, he would be out there speaking with the public and convincing us that this is in the best interest of Didsbury ... and Carstairs ... and Cremona ... and Water Valley ...

I was lucky enough to speak with Mr. Ramsbottom last week, since he's not returning media phone calls anymore, and I was surprised to find that he had nothing to say. 'I'm sorry. I can't comment on that right now,' is not what our community wants to hear. We want the truth. We want the whole story. We want to hear your side.

If you think that this is such a wise move for the authority, then why won't you tell us about it? Is it because it's a financial issue? Is it because it's a political issue? Is it because you just don't want Didsburians to know? Or, maybe it's just NOT in Didsbury's best interest?

How is it that the Didsbury Hospital was chosen as the one that had to change? Will this be an informed decision, or did our town just pull the shortest straw?

In my opinion, Mr. Ramsbottom completely handled this issue wrong. Instead of starting with secret 'hush hush' meetings, he should have started with public meetings and open houses. The public should not have been kept in the dark about such a vital issue. We are not mushrooms.

Also, I think he should have had all his ducks in a row before word got out about his plans. He should have had a plan in place and been prepared to answer questions from the media and the public instead of "not being able to comment on that right now."

I think that the longer this issue goes on without any input from the perpetrator of this plan, the worse off he's going to be in the end. Why is it that the head of our board of health won't speak or listen to his people?

Mr. Ramsbottom, we CANNOT hear you!

Here's a little word to the wise for Didsburians. Just because you are angry at the health authority right now, don't stop using our hospital.

Also, don't sit on your thumbs and hope that someone else's work is going to save our hospital. The only chance that we have to save that building is by letting the authority know how we feel about what they are doing. Pick up the only ammunition you have right now, your pens and papers, and start writing directly to the board members. They are the ones who can really help us. Lick those envelopes with a sense of purpose in knowing that you are doing your part in this battle.

Mr. Ramsbottom, can YOU hear US? This is the battle cry of a small town called Didsbury.

The opinions expressed on this page are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper or the publisher.

Private health facilities may be established in Alberta

Government is considering legislation for the spring 2000

session of the Legislature that will establish in law its commitment to a publicly funded and publicly administered health system and to the principles of the Canada Health Act.

The legislation would prohibit the establishment of a parallel, two-tier private health system.

There has been much talk by critics and the opposition of two-tiered health care and U.S.-style medicare and many claims that the government is opening the door to a system in which people with money can pay for faster service.

It is critical to understand that there will not be any American-style for-profit private hospitals allowed to operate in this province.

There will be no queue-jumping by anyone wanting to pay cash for faster health care. There will be no private surgical facilities operating outside of the public system in Alberta.

There has been much disinformation spread by some vested interest groups about the government's intention in proposing this legislation.

The legislation would prohibit establishing any parallel or two-tiered private health system.

It will prohibit health authorities from making any contracts with private facilities for surgical procedures unless they would improve access to publicly funded services or improve the efficiency in the delivery of those services.

The legislation would prohibit private facilities from providing any surgical services, even if not covered by medicare, that require overnight or longer stays unless they have a specific agreement with a health authority.

The legislation would prohibit private facilities from charging patients extra money for services or from charging patients directly to get faster service for medically necessary procedures.

Any contracts between a health authority and a private

facility would have to meet very specific criteria.

No contracts would be allowed if they don't improve access to publicly funded surgical services or make the delivery of services more efficient.

No contracts will be allowed if they don't comply with all the principles of the Canada Health Act.

As well contracts would only be allowed with a facility that is accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

No contract would be allowed if the Minister of Health and Wellness finds that any one of those criteria have not been met or that the contract is not in the best interest of the health system.

This legislation would protect the public healthcare system by prohibiting, restricting and controlling private health facilities.

At the same time however it

allows for new and innovative ways of improving access, reducing waiting lists, improving efficiency and providing choice all within the public health system.

Alberta's publicly funded health system must continue to change to meet the changing and growing needs of Albertans, at a cost the province can afford.

Alberta spends more money on health care now than ever before but simply throwing more money at the existing system is not the answer.

We need to find new, better and more efficient ways of doing things so that waiting lists for surgical procedures can be reduced.

This legislation will allow all these things and protect our existing publicly funded system at the same time.

On Nov. 17, the Minister of Health and Wellness released a government policy statement that will form the basis for the proposed legislation.

All Albertans are invited to get a copy of the policy statement and provide input before the legislation is introduced next spring.



**Richard
MARZ**
MLA

Wonderings of the heart

Buy now, pay later

By Margaret Fradley

"Buy now, pay later", "No interest for two years" - how alluring and tempting they make their "sales" sound. Each product offered is the "best", "most durable", the "most sought-after" and the "last one of its kind". We can hardly keep from buying it.

Many people have become so deep in debt, there is hardly a way out; the concern and worry can become more than they can bear.

We spoke to a young woman recently who had taken out a loan with the understanding there was no interest. The loan was a "pay back as you can" and of course, as it turned out, the interest was far higher than for a loan with a regular pay-back commitment.

The rose side of these offers are presented, but in actual fact it takes much longer to pay back any loan because we continually pay on the interest.

There is a great temptation to buy. We think we need the product, others have one, and the sale lasts for "only three more days!" The pressure is on.

There is a story told of a salesman trying to sell a deep freezer to a young couple. His pitch was - "You'll find in just a short time you will have saved enough for the freezer to pay for itself."

"Yes, I realize that," the women responded, "but you see, we're still paying on the washing machine that saves so much on laundry bills, and the mortgage on our house saves us rent, but as I see it, we just can't afford to save any more money right now." Humorous, but has a good point.

We need to get our "house in order", we can avoid stress if we get those things we need and wait for luxuries as we can afford them. We have all been duped; debts multiply and it's hard to dig our way out.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Remembering the good old days of the hospital

Dear Editor,

On the South side of Didsbury there is a sandstone building still in use which was at one time the Didsbury Hospital. I came to Didsbury in 1950 and this old building had already been replaced, and its successor stood at the site where the present hospital now stands. The length of time a hospital in this area has been a necessity is measured not in years, but in decades. The Hospital in Didsbury did not appear during some government-borrowed-money spending frenzy to buy a vote. It was built and maintained out of necessity.

Now, the present administration in this Province has turned over to an unelected group called HA5 not only the control, but the concept, the assets, and the necessity of the Didsbury Hospital. We didn't ask for this, we were in no need of this, we are quite able to be in charge of our own affairs,

the same as we have been for decades gone by. Would you believe that a thinking person would create a long term facility by closing the active beds while crying of an acute bed shortage, and setting the stage for moving sick persons not only to another town, but into another health region where we are told there are no spare beds? How will they ever figure out who will get the bill or who will get the pay?

That was the excuse for the former brouhaha when Calgary doctors were prevented from making use of the facilities here, do you remember? Doctor Puts, you say you have been deceived, kept in the dark, given no consideration and treated with contempt in a meeting? Welcome to the club, Didsbury could be the headquarters of a 'Suspension of Democracy Club'.

Remember when the county system was formed in order to

make those spending the school money also responsible for facing the taxpayer? This same provincial administration who raided our well-run Mountain View schools which were solvent, who took our assets, without any 'by your leave' and turned them over to an unelected group, has done the same thing to our hospital.

Don't be surprised at "I don't want to discuss it now" or holding a discussion meeting with no dialogue, only monologue, no disclosure of an agenda, and failure to inform of an upcoming meeting or extremely short notice. You can add to that sending a nonentity to the meeting in the Didsbury complex which HA5 would rather not have attended. I too believe that the closure of our hospital has been the hidden agenda for a long time.

With the present system, the HA5 administration is able to

hide behind the skirt of the Minister of Health and the Minister is able to hide behind the skirts of the Board. Will the person with the agenda please stand up? The stripping of the equipment here for the benefit of HA5 hospitals elsewhere has been progressing for some time and if continued will make it increasingly hard to restore services in Didsbury. Remember when the hospital included a laundry well able to do its job, a kitchen just as able, an administration capable and responsible, and a board with no hidden agenda? No shortage of doctors here then, nor of nurses either, and I'll bet they were a lot more contented than the present atmosphere will permit. What are your feelings Carstairs? And yours Cremona? Remember the days of stability?

We have been told by HA5 that the usage of our hospital has declined. Is it any wonder what

with the continuous change of doctors and reduction in services together with the uncertainty of the whole mess. It makes a sorry comic opera. What will it take to bring some common sense back to town? HA5 doesn't want us anyway, a mutual concept, so we'll take our hospital back, thank you. Perhaps a long term care unit could be built and the hospital reinstated and refurbished. With a local board of course, one the province wouldn't have to bail out.

You wouldn't need full page ads in the local paper to promote the idea like you would when your local representation is very weak.

It may take a lot for politicians to admit to a grave mistake, but those deserving of their positions might try.

Sincerely,
George Pieper,
Didsbury, AB

Didsburians being robbed of democracy

Dear Editor,

In 1994 the Klein government amalgamated over 200 hospital boards to create 11 Regional Health Authorities (RHAs). To do so they dissolved several elected boards and replaced them with RHA's appointed by the Minister of Health. There were promises made by the government at the time that this action was transitional until the boards were set up, and then they would be elected in conjunction with municipal elections. Two municipal elections later, still the RHA's are not elected and still citizens are left out of the decision-making process.

We are currently being robbed of our democracy, and the result is the pending loss of the Didsbury Hospital. The areas and residents that the Didsbury Hospital serves are disenfranchised with no effective voice or influence. If you have a concern regarding local delivery of education you can contact your school board representative, they make the decisions, they are directly accountable to voters, and therefore responsive to the concerns of people. If you have a concern regarding local delivery of health care whom do you go to? The RHA5, by its actions since its inception, has been less than open for dialogue (at least with residents on its western end of the region). Jim Ramsbottom says, "no decisions have been made", but it certainly looks and sounds like the RHA5 is heading toward closure of emergency and acute care. The Alberta government should return the power of governing health care back to Albertans, before irreversible decisions that hurt communities are made.

The future of the Didsbury Hospital is an important issue. Not just for the health care, but the community as a whole. The closure of emergency and acute care is not the end, but just the beginning to the end. The RHA5 officials try to put a spin on it claiming the guise of better utilization, specialization, and even 'more' jobs. I don't buy their media clip lines. The closure of emergency and acute care in Didsbury is not a positive thing. First goes acute care and emergency. It is only a matter of time before doctors and clinics follow. Then what happens to the pharmacy businesses, the business district as a whole gets less traffic, and you can see the trend. This is not a 'sky is falling' prophecy, it is a natural sequence of events. It has happened before to other communities and unless stopped, this will happen to Didsbury too. Maybe slowly, but it will happen.

It is important Albertans have an effective means to influence one of the most important services government delivers. Call your local MLA and voice your support for effective, accountable Health Authorities - press for elected RHA's. More importantly, call your MLA, write letters, do everything you can to show your support for the Didsbury Hospital, citizens have to send a strong message and fight.

Sincerely,
Doug Wagstaff,
Didsbury, AB

A letter for Premier Klein

Dear Premier Ralph Klein,

It is time for one of the "silent majority" to express grave concerns regarding the closure of the emergency and acute services of Didsbury District Hospital. I have just heard that the active hospital will become a long-term care facility, early in the new year, which has prompted me to write to you.

As one of the rural folk, who must travel a distance to reach the hospital, I believe that it would be a real hardship to extend that travel time. I would like to share with you the use I have personally made, just within the last four years, of this hospital.

Almost three years ago, I had a major farm accident, which meant that I utilized emergency and the acute services. With my back cracked in two places, I'm not sure what extra damage would have been done if I would have had to travel farther. Again this year, I have used the emergency and acute services. And, again, I was desperate and really needed the

hospital in our town.

Also, my 95-year old mother has been hospitalized three times in the last four years. Each visit was an emergency. I am positive that if we had had to travel any further she would not be with us today! My dad died in palliative care in this hospital, where as a family we were treated with great compassion and caring. I wonder how we would have managed the farm and been with Dad, too, if our travel would have been any further than Didsbury!

It is my understanding that the active wing has been filled for many months. It certainly has been my experience that each time our family has needed a hospital bed, it has been a challenge to find an empty one!

My dad was one of the original members of the Didsbury Hospital Board - the longest serving member - until 1986, donating his time and efforts for 34 years ... I can just imagine him rolling over in his grave at the thought of the active hos-

pital (including the operating room) closing down!

It seems to me that this is a viable active hospital. As it is the closest hospital north of Calgary, it serves thousands of people, with many of them living in the rural area. We need this service. If the bottom-line needs beefing up, why not bring in surgeries from other areas to use our operating room? It certainly has been done in the past, and is an excellent way to defeat the long waiting lists in other hospitals!

My experience says that the emergency and acute services are a dire necessity in this community, not a convenience! I trust you will take a very serious look at maintaining the emergency and acute services at Didsbury District hospital. For sure, it would be a great service to us farmers, as well as the town folk.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Lou Hosegood,
R.R.#1 Didsbury, AB

Most effective ways of making an difference in Didsbury

Dear Editor,

Those of you who would like to have an effect on the future of active care at our hospital will be able to accomplish that in many ways.

1. The most effective is a handwritten or typed letter of your own composition with copies to all parties in responsible positions.
2. Next best is a faxed letter to all who can help. There are several locations offering free faxing.
3. Telephoning is not as effective and tends to deteriorate into something less likely to help our cause when a decision is made. If you phone, please be courteous and ask for their help.
4. Finally, a group letter or petition is better than not doing anything. It gets the numbers of participants up.

Your letter should be original, but the kinds of things that you might want to include are our rapidly growing population, our modern hospital, the lack of a hospital anywhere between here and Calgary, with the proximity of the #2 Highway bringing us additional patients. Halvar Jonson has stated in the legislature that there will be a process of listening or consultation, so don't stop once you have signed your name. There will be public meetings later. We need your participation until the decision is final. Don't give up.

Sincerely,
Dorothy M. Moore,
Didsbury, AB

FROM THE MAILBAG

Community support greatly appreciated

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to point out to everyone all of the wonderful people who walk our streets.

I am the District Commissioner for Girl Guides in this area and am lucky enough to also reside here in Didsbury.

Living and working in your community are some very dedicated Guide leaders (past and present), for girls five to 18 years old, who give up many hours of their own time to make sure there is an exciting program put into place for these girls.

From crafts, songs, and camping to sailing the Queen Charlotte Islands, each event is planned to ensure the girls come away with experiences they will always remember.

The girls involved are all responsible citizens who take their Guiding law and promise seriously. I am proud of them all.

The parents of these girls always work hard for the organization from selling cookies to trees. A lot of sweat and blood is given in helping make sure their girls have the best program possible. I know the leaders are ever so grateful.

...and you the community, residents and businesses, also support us when you purchase cookies, Christmas trees and a space in our community directory. None of it is overlooked and we greatly appreciate it all!

I feel very lucky and proud to be part of this community. You all do a wonderful job of making this a GREAT town.

On behalf of Girl Guides of Didsbury, I would like to say thank you to all for supporting us and to wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

Please don't forget when choosing your Christmas tree this year, 100% of the money raised from our trees sold at Home Hardware goes back to the girls.

Sincerely,

Rochelle Byiers, Didsbury, AB

Help to protect our most precious of resources: water

Dear Editor,

Water is a precious resource. Albertans want our water to stay right here, where we depend on it. Your government is committed to this approach. Alberta's Water Act specifically and fully prohibits exporting water in bulk.

This legislation is so innovative, it is a model other Canadian jurisdictions are looking at closely, as they seek to protect their own water. Alberta does not need the national accord to protect its water. Our own provincial legislation already does that.

It is important Albertans understand this, because Alberta did not enforce the Accord for several good reasons. First, we did not need to endorse it - Alberta law already fully protects our water.

Secondly, the accord itself does not have the power of law. The federal Bounty Waters Treaty does that. Unfortunately, the federal government would not explain how the accord will be used to amend the treaty.

Thirdly, there are several words in the accord that are not defined. We know what the term "water basin" means in our own legislation, but not what it will mean in the accord.

We know how the term "precautionary principle" is used in trade - it means if the science is uncertain, that is no excuse to not take prudent action.

But we do not know how the term would be used to protect bulk water. These definitions are important. Imagine if you bought a house with a deed to "some land", but with no legal definition to tell you what land you are getting. How will you know where your rights end and your neighbour's rights begin? Alberta takes its rights and responsibilities very seriously. We do not need our neighbour, the federal government, intruding on what we already are managing and protecting on our own.

Alberta agrees with the intent to prohibit the bulk removal of water. However, we will not endorse an accord we do not need, that is not well defined, and that may result in federal interference in Alberta's affairs.

We will keep the door open so I can continue to negotiate with my fellow Environment Ministers, and perhaps achieve an accord that truly is in the best interest of Alberta and Canada's other provinces and territories.

Sincerely,

Gary G. Mar,

Minister of Environment

MLA Calgary Nose Creek

Christmas Helpers will be a success again this year

Dear Editor,

Christmas is fast approaching. On behalf of all those who received Christmas Hampers in the past and those who helped distribute them, I would like to thank the individuals and organizations who contributed so liberally to make Didsbury's Annual Christmas Helpers a success.

This is our 16th year and we are endeavouring to collect non-

perishable food and new or good used toys and gifts to give to those in need at this time of year.

For some of us, life has treated us well, but for others it's been a struggle month after month just barely making ends meet or maybe not being able to pay all the bills. Christmas Helpers was formed to make Christmas brighter for these neighbours.

If you can help us this year,

please place your gifts of toys at the Post Office and your non-perishable food in the Food Bank boxes located around town. Financial gifts are used to buy turkeys and additional food. This can be dropped off at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church (335-3629). Thank you to the many that have already given to the project.

Remember that without your involvement, this project would

never happen.

Come join the fun Dec. 21 gift wrapping at 7 p.m. Bring your extra paper, tape, scissors etc. and join us. Dec. 22 food will be sorted and hampers made starting at 10 a.m. Delivery is after lunch.

All of the above will happen at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. Come on and join us.

Finally on Dec. 25 at the Elks

Hall at 1 p.m. the annual Christmas Dinner will be held. A delightful way to spend Christmas with new friends. Open to all who would like to be with others and share in the fellowship. Come and join me for dinner. Bring a white elephant gift for the traditional exchange. See you there.

Sincerely,

Linda Sirr,
Didsbury, AB

Minister says government committed to Albertans

Dear Editor,

In response to recent media coverage I am writing to assure all Albertans of government's firm commitment to maintaining and protecting a quality publicly funded and administered health system in the province.

As a government we know the high value Albertans place on their health system and for Canada's unique publicly funded approach to health care. We are committed to that system and to the principles of the Canada Health Act.

To confirm our commitment to a publicly funded and administered system for the delivery of quality health services, our government is prepared to introduce legislation in the Spring 2000 Session of the Legislature to enshrine that commitment in law.

The legislation would include the key principles of our Alberta health system including accessibility, universality, public administration, comprehensiveness, portability and the princi-

ple of excellence. It would also prohibit that the establishment of any parallel, two-tier private health system in this province.

At the same time, we recognize that if our publicly funded health system is going to be able to meet the future needs of Albertans it must continue to evolve and change to deal with the challenges of a growing and aging population, new and expensive technologies and drugs, and new medical treatments.

Therefore, we encourage regional health authorities to seek new and innovative ways of delivering publicly funded health services.

To support that continued search for more efficient and effective methods of providing quality health care, government is proposing that health authorities, in deciding the best ways to deliver publicly funded surgical services, would be able to contract with privately operated surgical facilities for procedures requiring overnight stays.

Contracts between health authorities and private provid-

ers of surgical services would however require ultimate approval by the Minister of Health and Wellness. Such approval would be granted only if strict criteria were met, including compliance with the Canada Health Act. Health authorities could contract with private providers only if a contract could reduce waiting lists in the public system, improve access to publicly funded services, or increase the efficiency of the delivery of services.

This would be consistent with what is already happening in the health system. Many of the long-term care centres in our province providing care and shelter to our seniors are privately owned and operated through a contract with a health authority.

Health authorities also now contract with private clinics to provide services such as cataract surgery, to provide an effective publicly funded service to Albertans.

As well, contracts between the public system and private

surgical centres already exist in other provinces. These contracts, which are similar to those proposed for Alberta, have been supporting the public system in Ontario for example for many years.

The key point is that in Alberta, private surgical facilities would only operate under contract or agreement with a health authority and when it was in the best interests of the health system.

There would be no fees for Albertans for medically necessary services; no two-tier health care; and no queue jumping by anyone paying directly for faster service. And the decision to contract would be made by the local health authority.

Finally, contrary to some claims, such contracts would not allow American-owned hospitals to open in Canada under the terms of the North American Free Trade Agreement. There is a reservation in NAFTA which protects Canada's health system and nothing in the Policy Statement either contravenes

NAFTA obligations or has any adverse consequences for Canadian control of the health sector.

On Nov. 17, I released a policy statement outlining the proposed principles and elements that would serve as the foundation for our planned legislation. I encourage all Albertans to read this policy statement and provide comments to me before legislation is introduced next spring.

You can be assured of our government's commitment to our publicly funded health system. You can be assured that there will not be any two-tier private health care in this province, nor any American-style private hospitals allowed to operate outside of the public system.

There will only be one, publicly funded health system, providing equitable access to all Albertans.

Sincerely,

Halvar C. Jonson
Health and Wellness Minister

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school. Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995. Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough. They will return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.

Dear Friends,

The last 24 hours have been good. Janet called from California with news about her father. He needs constant care and has realized this. Hopefully in the coming week, he will move into a care facility that will offer him an improvement in his life style in terms of medical and physical care. We pray that it will be a positive experience. Janet is well; she is now in the correct time zone, busy caring for her father and two brothers. She has a little bit of time for herself, and she sees her sisters regularly, which is nice.



This afternoon my Mom called and gave me some of the news from home. Things are going much better for her, for which we thank God. She still has to go for tests and have a minor operation, but the future seems bright. It's wonderful to have immediate communication. It wasn't that many years ago when letters took 2 to 3 weeks, and then that long again to get a reply. Now, with e-mail, I can send a letter and get a response in two days! We'll see what Y2K does for some of the wonders of science.

Here in Nigeria, we're not too worried about Y2K. If there's no electricity for a few days, that's nothing unusual. We are set up to handle that. No water? What's new? With the students gone during the Christmas break, we could go for three weeks with no water from the city and still have some left in our storage system. I think that there are quite a few advantages to living here.

Friday night, the community choir with over 200 voices presented "The Messiah." Since Janet and I live within 40 miles of where they practice each Tuesday night, I didn't go to the performance, but it is estimated that about 2000 people came to hear. The presentation is on the basketball courts, outside. It's quite impressive to hear the beautiful music and be able to see the stars and moon.

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, ten Hillcrest students ran for charity. They took turns running a mile each hour. That sounds easy enough, but it means that they ran 12 miles during the day. Most of them ran their miles in about 6 minutes, although some were a bit slower. Ahead of time, they had solicited sponsorship for themselves. All the money raised goes to a local charity that works with street people, many of them children. Someone from Hillcrest has organized this event each year for the last ten or so years. It gives us an opportunity to do something for the community. We have so much; we should share.

When I was a bachelor, very few people invited me for meals, which was okay. Now that I'm married and my wife is away, I'm invited out for meals several times a week, which is also very okay. There are many good things that have come from being married that I never thought about before we got married.

This coming week will be the last week of classes. Exams are coming, so we teachers need to write them. December 16th will be the last day of school for the millennium. It will be good to have some time to review this semester and think about what needs to be changed for the next. There is always room for improvement.

Sincerely,
Dan, for both of us

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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Didsbury Aquatic Centre Schedule
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre

335-3391
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Main Street Project Office
Rosebud Valley Campground

335-3142
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INVITATION TO TENDER JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT TOWN OF DIDSBURY

The Town of Didsbury invites tenders for the contract of Janitorial Services. This contract will be for the year 2000 with possibility of extension. The successful contractor will be responsible for the cleaning of the Town Office, Library and R.C.M.P. building. Tender packages will be available for pickup at the Town Office (2037 - 19 Avenue). Offers will be received by the undersigned up to 4:30 p.m. on December 13/1999. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. This contract is subject to a criminal record check.

Brenda Hemming
Director of Corporate Services
Town of Didsbury
Box 790
Didsbury, AB

For packages picked up prior to this ad, please note that the cover sheet was to read 40 hours bi-weekly, not weekly. We apologize for any inconvenience.



MEMORIAL COMPLEX

Town Council and Administration, together with Memorial Complex personnel, are pleased to inform Didsbury & Area that the services provided through the Memorial Complex will continue to be provided under the new department title of Recreation & Facility Services effective January 1, 2000. For recreation and/or recreation facility needs, enquiries, and concerns, please call our Recreation and Facility Services department at 335-7369.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Didsbury invites applications for the new and exciting position of Recreation & Facility Services Programmer! RFM or equivalent experience and technical qualifications as well as supervisory and programming experience in a variety of recreation environments are considered essential qualifications for this position.

Rhonda Hunter,
Recreation & Facility Service Manager
Box 790
Didsbury, AB
T0M0W0

Application deadline December 24, 1999

AQUATIC CENTRE

Please be advised of the following swimming lesson fee increases effective Session #2 (various starting dates in February) of 2000:

	Present	Feb. 2000
Beach Tot Lessons (preschool)	\$24.00	\$26.00
AquaQuest Levels 1-6	\$24.00	\$26.00
AquaQuest Levels 7-9	\$29.00	\$31.00
AquaQuest Levels 10-12	\$31.50	\$33.50

Town Office Town of Didsbury Public Meetings

Regular Council: Dec. 22
M.P.C.: Dec. 15
Corporate Services: Dec. 14
Community Services: Dec. 28
Protective Services: Dec. 21

Visit our Web Site!

www.town.didsbury.ab.ca

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 108 - 99 1510 Mary Place Single Family Dwelling R2
DP 109 - 99 28 Westpoint Dr. Single Family Dwelling R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 1999.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

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Didsbury man wins Lions election

By Colleen Horrigan



Fifty-eight different Lions clubs in the area held their annual district convention Nov. 27 in Canmore, and included on the agenda was the election of district officers for the 2000-01 year.

Russ Croft from Didsbury, a current member of the Lions Club in Olds, was elected over two others as the vice-district governor for the upcoming year. Croft said his platform was what secured his win, and consisted of three key points including membership growth, leadership development and a focus on working with youth.

Croft plans to take the position very seriously.

"I was approached last April and didn't actually make up my mind that I should become a candidate until July," Croft said.

Croft has been involved with the Lions since he moved to Didsbury in 1991.

He has been a member of both the Olds and Didsbury clubs, and says that his appointment to this office entails a four-year commitment.

The first year is the position

of zone chairman, which Croft currently holds. The zone includes Three Hills, Didsbury, Sundre, Olds and Bowden.

The second year is the vice-district governor position, which will take effect in June 2000. Responsibilities of this officer are to understudy and assist the district governor, whose job it is to oversee the stability of all member clubs in the district.

The third year is the appointment to the office of district governor, and the fourth year is the appointment to the past district governor position.

While in office, Croft plans to work mostly on the Lions Quest program, a training session for teachers which lets them attend workshops that develop their skills in dealing with children and adolescents who may be having problems.

"In the two-day workshop training sessions, the teachers are taught the philosophy of dealing with kids. These days, there are a lot of behavioural and social problems coming from problems at home, and this helps teachers deal with the problems and make the school a safe haven for the kids," Croft said.

It is Croft's goal that eventually all teachers in the district would be able to take part in the program, helping them to work with kids and become mentors for them, especially for kids that don't have this kind of support from home.

The Lions clubs of the area sponsor this program among others, in their mandate of community service and financial support to worthy causes.



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON ...

Above: The Didsbury High School Senior Band had the many spectators in the holiday spirit at last Sunday's DHS Tea and Dessert Christmas Concert. Music teacher Claude Deschamps lead both the Junior and Senior bands in many holiday favorites.

Left: Amy Higgins and David Kosinsky, accompanied by the Junior Band, did a beautiful rendition of 'Time to Say Goodbye.' The audience was so appreciative of their wonderful singing that the pair received a standing ovation after they were finished.

Photos by Nicole Smith

Sons of Norway news

By Noreen Olson

Our November meeting opened with the usual formalities and was led by president Leif Terning. Correspondence included a letter from the Zone Director, information on Sports Weekend, March 3-5 in North Battleford, an invitation from Red Deer Lodge, news and a request from Ski For Light, and delightful letters from Marion Dahlgren's granddaughters Dana Gans and Joanna Moore thanking us for sponsoring them to camp.

Committee reports were given and we learned that The Drifters from Carstairs are entertaining at our Christmas party, Spring Fling plans are in place, tickets are now available for the Torske dinner Jan. 23 and the only class that will be held before our Torske dinner will be the one on sursild making.

This will be at Terning's Monday Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Ken Holmberg and Jim Adamcik will entertain when we host the Birthday Tea at Chinook Winds. Deadline for Sports Weekend sign up is Jan.

21 so please register at the Christmas party. There was a report from the Executive Meeting and one from the Sunshine Committee. Foundation Director reported that we had sent \$85.50 to the Foundation in Canada. The members who had attended Calgary's Sports Day reported having had a very good time and that the Faar i Kaal (lamb and cabbage) was excellent. I guess that depends on whether or not you like lamb! The members who conducted the Bingo at Mount View Lodge enjoyed the day and the many people who turned out to play.

Annie Caush sent us pictures and information about Nita Amundsen, one of the adopted daughters of the famous Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. In 1922 when Amundsen was attempting to drift to the North Pole in his ship Maude he met and adopted two Eskimo girls from the Village of East Cape, Siberia. Amundsen never married and the girls were his only family.

Expeditions had used all his money, and when he was lost

in the North the only thing left was his house in Norway which the government converted to a Museum. The girls came to Seattle and then to Vancouver. We wish to thank Annie Caush for giving us these mementos which we will forward to the Scandinavian Artifacts collection in Camrose.

Under Good of The Order, Olga Terning presented Barb Olsen with Food Specialist pins for Norway Foods parts one and two. Congratulations Barb, you did a great job. Also under Good of The Order Thordis Kamp announced that Trollhaugen Camp Cook Books are still for sale and they make a nice Christmas gift. We are also reminded that we need help from every member to make the Torske dinner a success. Be prepared to help wherever you are needed.

Remember the Christmas Party Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m. at Evergreen Centre. Guests are welcome.

The next executive meeting is at Mel Haakonsen's Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m. Next regular meeting Jan. 24, 8 p.m.

Local RDC students recognized recently

Red Deer College President Ron Woodward hosted 117 students at the 29th Student Recognition Breakfast held November 16. The recognition breakfast is part of the K.I.T.E. program on campus, which is a comprehensive attempt to recognize the many forms of achievement at Red Deer College.

The students were recognized for their academic achievement, diligence in studies, positive influence in their learning environment, and their involvement in campus or community groups and activities. Each student received a certificate from President Woodward and a commemorative photograph. The breakfast is held bi-annually in the College Cafeteria.

Red Deer Industrial Metals Ltd., Beaver Foods/Cara Ltd. and the Red Deer College Foundation sponsor the Student Recognition Breakfast.

Students from our area who were recognized are:

Patci Hopkins, from Didsbury, Social Work program,
Karen Whitlow, from Didsbury, Nursing program,
Steven Reichenbacher, from Olds, Music Diploma program,
Sandra Prevost, from Olds, Rehabilitation Services program.

Didsburians had an Olde Tyme Christmas Experience

Midnight Madness 1999



The horse-drawn wagon rides were one of the highlights of this past Midnight Madness celebration in downtown Didsbury, held last Friday evening.

Photo by Doug Artindale



The winner of this year's Rosebud Health Foundation Nativity Scene Raffle was Betty Bourne of Calgary. All the funds raised will go towards the purchase of a pump for palliative care.

Painting their own ceramic Christmas ornaments was a big hit with the younger crowd this year. Hours of fun were had by all who took part.



Many beautiful paintings were on display at Victoria Square Mall.



Even Santa Claus took out some time in his busy schedule to make an appearance in downtown Didsbury last weekend.

Many patrons warmed their hands by the bonfires set up all around Main Street and enjoyed the carolling that took place.



The turkey goes to...

The winners of the 1999 Midnight Madness Turkey Draws are:

AG Foods: Gerry Brown
 AB Treasury Branch: Phil McNeil
 Art Circle Gallery: Beth Manness
 Aurora Travel: Ross McClelland
 Burns School of Music: Amanda Hogg
 Carlson Wagonlit - Don's World
 Travel: I. R. Johnston
 Checker Auto Parts: Denise Derksen
 Clippers Hair Design: Patti Campbell
 Contemporary Graphics: Ernie Israelson
 Corner Art Studio: Geraldene Riddoch
 Country Audio: Martina Eckert
 Country Side Florists: Maureen Widish
 Cut 'N Loose Hair Design: Sandy Snyder
 Dick's Auto Service: Roy Parker
 Didsbury Appliance Centre/Greyhound: Freda May
 Didsbury Chiropractic Clinic: Sheree Andrews
 Didsbury Dental Clinic: Margaret Johnston
 Didsbury Drugs: Karen Harsch
 Didsbury Dry Cleaners: Sara Derksen
 Didsbury Esso: James Edwards
 Didsbury Equipment Rentals: Mike Yanick
 Didsbury Fas Gas: Kelly Sheets
 Didsbury Home Hardware: Betty Waldroff
 Didsbury Inn: Harold Harsch
 Didsbury Liquor & Beer: Yvonne McLean
 Didsbury Mainstreet Project: Jennifer Dahl
 Didsbury Motel/Country Nook: Betty Penner
 Didsbury Municipal Library: B. Nickerson
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 Dollar Store & More: Debby Parish
 Dragon Palace: Jim Searcy
 Dumax Petroleum: Bea Johnson
 Feeg's Propane: Dan Meyer
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 Mountain View Credit Union: Sharon Tsiras
 Mountain View Electronics: Henry Paulgaard
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 Mountain View Sports: Mary Wood
 Mountain View Water Dist.: Tammi Van Tighem
 Mugs Coffee House: Brenda Rahn
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 Potentials: Bonnie Papineau
 Realty World: Rhiannon Easy
 Reimer Concrete: Amanda Higgins
 Remax Real Estate Didsbury: Wanda Miller
 Ribbons & Bow Gifts: Ruth Hildebrand
 Royal Bank: Amy Enns
 Sanders Financial: Natalie Paulgaard
 Shear Ecstasy: Ann Milne
 Specialties Unlimited: Carol Clarke
 Steve's Place Restaurant: Linda Brander
 Sunflower Deli: Ethel Gooding
 Super 8 Motel: Reid Conrad
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 Town of Didsbury: Shirley Jepps
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 Webb's Bulk Food: Agnes Peters
 Wheatland Restaurant: Laurie Moore





At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

In my never-ending pursuit of a good reason to not dust, vacuum or bake, I have been going through my filing cabinet, trying to throw away things that are no longer relevant, and better arrange things that I might need someday. I have found all kinds of wonderful stuff that I had totally forgotten, letters from long dead, dear aunts, funny clippings from old newspapers, readings suitable for bridal showers, poems, quotations and bits of wisdom handed down by family and friends. When I found the 1901 Ransom's Family Receipt Book I was delighted. My mom wasn't even born in 1901 so this must have been Grandma's. What possible use could I have for a Receipt Book from 1901?

Well guess what, if the hospital closes and we lose our doctors, this is going to come in darned handy. It is full of amazing and wonderful testimonials from people who have been cured of everything from colic to cholera. The names of the medicines are: Trasks Magnetic Ointment, Ransoms Hive Syrup and Tolu, Millers Universal Magnetic Balm, Dermador and King of the Blood. I know it's unlikely that we are going to be able to buy them at our local drug stores but the ingredients are listed and we could probably make our own. With the full page ad for Ransoms Hive Syrup and Tolu it says, "The ingredients of this medicine are Squills, Senega Root, Skunk Cabbage Root, Lobelia, Tartar Emetic, Balsam of Tolu, and the purest Sugar." The directions come in English, German and Scandinavian and a postscript to the ad says, "Remember that consumption is caused in most cases by neglecting a slight cough." I looked up Tolu, it is a fragrant brown balsam obtained from a S. American tree and used to flavour cough syrups and lozenges. I have a little balsam and I might spare part of a branch in the interest of science but I don't know where we will find Senega Root.

Dr. Millers Magnetic Balm cures Cholera, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Colic and all Summer Bowel Complaints. It is just as efficient in curing stomach and bowel complaints in horses, cows, dogs and chickens as it is in curing those in man. Its principal ingredients are red pepper, cloves, cinnamon, spearmint, cedar, hemlock, sassafras and pennyroyal. Pennyroyal is a kind of mint and we have mint growing by our rhubarb patch but sassafras might be a problem.

Dermador is a liniment and is good for man or beast. The stable size bottle costs \$0.75. In man it is good for all inflammations, wounds, bruises, poll evil, sweeny, founder, wind galls, spavins, mange....The post script says, "It is great for the skin. Men should use it after shaving."

I'm sorry they don't list the ingredients for King of the Blood, but there are some powerful testimonials. In 1873, Mr. M.H. Crane of Albion, Mich. used just three bottles to cure cancer of the lip, and he writes again in 1896 to say that he remains in perfect health. Boy I wish we had the recipe for that, we could put the Drug Companies out of business.

My local RHA5 Board member says that the Board has not made a decision or set a direction and there are no new developments secret or otherwise. Most of the Board members would strongly seek community input before coming to any decision. The next RHA5 Board meeting is on Dec. 15. Just as we no longer believe that patent medicines will cure us, we no longer dumbly accept decisions we don't like. Let your representative know how you feel, be reasonable and polite about it, these people would prefer to keep us happy if they possibly can. Write some letters, fax some too, make some phone calls, rally your troops. And next year at this time when the Hospital is humming with new life, and our lovely new doctors are celebrating their second Christmas in Didsbury I will give you some of the recipes from my Receipt Book. Spiced currants to serve with meat, egg cutlets, beef tea, corn oysters, caramel ice cream. We will have something to celebrate. We shall overcome.



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OKCS staff stuck-up for Christmas last week

By April C. D. Barton

Two administrative staff from Olds Koinonia Christian School got themselves into a sticky situation last Thursday, but it was all done in fun for a good cause.

Principal Garry Anderson and Elementary Vice-Principal Laura Campbell agreed to be duct-taped to tables propped against the gymnasium wall last week as a fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse. The idea was proposed weeks ago by the high school's student body council after the school collected 297 boxes for the annual Operation Christmas Child campaign for needy children overseas.

"The Samaritan's Purse campaign is something the school has been involved with for many years," explained Student Body President Heather Laslo of Didsbury.

"I talked to the Samaritan's Purse staff and they said a lot of people don't put in the \$5 that's

needed to ship [the boxes] and since we collected a record number of boxes from our school this year, we wanted to help by putting together a fund-raiser."

Tickets to Thursday noon's event went quickly, says Miss Laslo, who calculates about \$135 had been raised in tape sales and admission costs. Admission was 25 cents, however for the 50-cent price of a 3-foot length of duct tape, admission was free.

The Student Body was quite excited about the success of their event, moreso after participant Principal Anderson added an "incentive" twist, says Miss Laslo.

"He suggested that if we could collect an additional \$200 from spectators during the event, we could then whip-cream he and Miss Campbell after the duct-taping," she explained.

Screams of laughter and good-natured bantering filled the gym-

nasium for the 40-minute event. Occasional candy tosses kept spectators on their toes while waiting for their opportunity at duct-taping the staff. The biggest cheer came, however, when the total collection of more than \$300 was announced in the whip-cream event! Enthusiastic students chosen to do the whip-creaming were Grade 4 student Mariah Barton of Olds (Miss Campbell's student) and Grade 11 student Peter Casurella of Didsbury.

"That wasn't so bad," commented Principal Anderson, later in the day.

"I'm looking at this as an adventure, a whole new unbelievable experience," said Miss Campbell.

"As a teacher, I believe that what goes around, comes around. Scripture does state, 'vengeance is mine, sayeth the Lord' but I think in this case, He'll understand.."

Didsbury Elks Installation of Officers for the 2000 year

By Marge St. Clair

Family and friends made a great crowd at the Elks Hall for this ceremony, presided over by District Deputy Bro. Ray Hannah. The evening opened with a prayer and the singing of O Canada.

The O.O.R.P. Drill Team of Ladies, Fran Patten, Bernice Blois, Marjorie Dowell, Ellen Tevendale, Carole Natyshen, Helen Newton, Evelyn Frang and Kelly Larson were meticulous in escorting the candidates for offices to the front to be installed to the music of Lady Shirley Thompson and Bro. Dave Smith Jr.

The officers for the year 2000 are: Exalted Ruler - Bro. Terry Stevenson installed by Past Prov. Pres. Bro. Bill Wara

Past Exalted Ruler - Bro. Keith McKinnon installed by P. E. R. Bro. Stu Tighe

Leading Knight - Bro. Jeff Hill installed by D.D. Bro. Ray Hannah

Loyal Knight - Bro. Cam Stewart installed by P.E.R. Bro. Dave Smith Jr.

Secretary - Bro. Al Rutherford installed by D.D. Ray Hannah

Treasurer - Bro. Ron Patten (23 yrs) installed by D.D. Ray Hannah

Membership - Bro. Jim Wadel installed by Bro. Don Neal, P.D.D.

Trustee - Bro. George Stickler installed by P.E.R. Dave Smith Jr.

Tyler - Bro. Bob Hurst installed by P.P.P. Bro. Bill Ward

Chaplain - Bro. Gus Damasch installed by P.D.D. Ray Vipond

Inner Guard - Bro. Brent Sprague installed by P.E.R. Dave Smith Sr.

Esquire - Bro. Kevin Mitchell installed by P.P.P. Bill Ward

Organist - Bro. Dave Smith Jr. installed by P.E.R. Dave Smith Sr.

Historian Bro. Maurice St. Onge and Lecturing Knight Bro. Kelly Kennedy will be installed at the first meeting.

The ceremony closed with a few words from the new E.R. and the presentation of the P.E.R. pin to Bro. Keith McKinnon. God

Save the Queen was sung.

E.R. Bro. Terry Stevenson was called to centre floor where Lady Kelly Larson presented the 33rd Birthday Cake to the B.P.O.E.

A lovely brunch and socializing brought the evening to a close.


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6:00 p.m.
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Jackson W.I. news: Remembering favourite books

By Noreen Olson

Judy Bellamy hosted the November meeting and chose Ian Tyson's Four Strong Winds as our opening song. President Marie Scott read a poem, "Will You Bring Squares" and we could all relate to it. Roll call was a favourite child's book and answers ranged from old-timers like Grimms Fairy Tales and A Christmas Carol, through the classics; Black Beauty, Beautiful Joe, Anne of the Island, Pooh, The Velveteen Rabbit, Peter Rabbit, and into contemporary

favourites I'll Love You Forever, Alligator Pie, and The Berenstain Bears.

Correspondence included Health Authority 5 Project Newsletter, a letter from our president Maxean Brigley. Notes from the Office, FWIC Convention Registration forms, and the Provincial Handicraft List.

Constituency Convenor M.J. Davies asked that we decide on our choice for the Home Ec. list and in what category we would like to offer a prize. We will make a decision and let her

know at the December meeting. Report from the Nursing Home Tea was that the residents loved the real tea cups and thoroughly enjoyed the home made lemon pie.

Joan Foat reported for the nominating committee. Marie Olson, treasurer, Darlene Hallett, secretary, handicraft Lois Street and Dorith Bird to share.

Other officers to continue for another year. The slate was accepted as presented. Birthday money for this year will be sent to support Associated Country Women of the World and we will continue to divide equally our Christmas Food Bank money between Carstairs and Cremona.

We are reminded to get our Education Reports in to Constituency level by Dec. 1. Nine pairs of slippers, hand knit by Nellie Davies, will be delivered to The Children's Hospital. There were several styles, sizes and colours all very cosy and much appreciated by the hospital kids.

Instead of exchanging gifts at our Christmas meeting we decided to each bring a wrapped child's gift, labelled for the most suitable age and sex. The Christmas Program will be on a volunteer basis so practice your recitations and dig out your favourite reading.

Our Guest Speaker was Sandra Herbert from the Cremona Library. They are very happy in their new expanded

premises and enjoy the advantages of membership in Parkland Regional. The Library is a busy place with a varied program, classes, multilingual services, large print books, talking books, even a bar code library card. They have Internet access, free email, a program to help you with your resumes, computer courses and all this is free! Sandra showed us some of the newest available books and

her enthusiasm and positive attitude made her a welcome guest. We were, of course, delighted to be able to tell her that Parkland Regional Library began as The Women's Institute Lending Library.

Next meeting will be Dec. 15 at Ev Robertson's. Bring a child's gift and money for the Food Bank Donation. Guests and new members are most welcome.



CHIT CHAT

The annual Hospital Auxiliary Tea and Bazaar, held last Friday afternoon, was a time to gather with friends and enjoy refreshments served by the auxiliary members.

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The upside of downtime

By Marilyn Logan

One day my family decided to pack a picnic lunch and take a hike along Johnson's Canyon, located between Banff and Lake Louise. During lunch I reminded my children several times that it was a bad idea to feed the wildlife that flocked around us. These creatures were perfectly adept at fending for themselves.

During our hike we encountered numerous chipmunks scurrying here and there. Being familiar and comfortable with humans (probably because others fed them) these creatures often scampered right up to us before skittering off again. I must admit I succumbed to their charming antics.

One little chipmunk in particular caught my attention. She darted in and out of a crack between some rocks. I was convinced that she had a den hidden away somewhere inside. Temptation overcame me. Because I knew I shouldn't feed her, I wanted to see if I could entice her in some other way for a closer look. Digging into my purse, I searched for something that would attract her attention. The only thing I could find was a glittering tube of lipstick. I figured she would be lured by it and would come closer. I extended my hand so that the sun's rays would sparkle off its coating. Sure enough it worked. The little chipmunk approached unperturbed and sniffed at the tube.

Unexpectedly, she grabbed one end of the tube and a brief tug of war began. Before my startled eyes, she managed to pull the tube apart and scooted between the rocks with one half of it. I looked down at what remained in my hand and discovered that I had been left holding the cap. This chipmunk had managed to cunningly steal the most valuable part of my makeup. I didn't know what to do. I hesitated extending my hand through the crack in the rocks as I didn't know what other creatures lurked inside. I also didn't relish the thought of being bitten.

As I stood there pondering the situation, the chipmunk re-emerged. I couldn't believe the vision that presented itself. The chipmunk had deliberately sampled my wares. Her little lips were coated in a glossy pink and looked double their size. It was obvious she hadn't had much practice with the art of applying lipstick, nor had she used a mirror. Her attempts were outrageous and besides, the colour looked hideous on her.

As other chipmunks congregated to see the outcome of her thievery, noisy chatter erupted as her companions gaped at this exhibition of female vanity. I don't believe they were impressed. Curious perhaps, but definitely not inspired. As hilarious as she looked, I felt terrible about what had happened. Thoughts of an untimely death crossed my mind. As we turned to leave, I hoped she wouldn't go back for more. If sudden death wasn't in store for her this day, I could just imagine the stomachache she would suffer from further indulgence. She was also sure to experience extreme humiliation in the eyes of her companions.

Moral: Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. Always check the mirror to see what others are beholding.

Christmas services at local churches

By Marge St. Clair

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pastor Robert Mohns:

Sat. Dec. 11 - Children's Outreach Christmas Program, 2:30-4 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 18 - Children's Christmas Program, 7 p.m.

Dec. 21, 22, 23 - Live Nativity, 7:45 p.m. each evening.

Fri. Dec. 24 - Candlelight service, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 25 - Holy Communion and Christmas Service, 10 a.m.

Knox United Church, Rev. Malcolm Proffitt:

Sun. Dec. 12 - White Gift Service, 10 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 19 - Children's Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 24 - Christmas Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 26 - Regular Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

Fortress Baptist Church, Pastor Jim Warkentin:

Regular services on Sun. Dec. 19 and Sun. Dec. 26.

Berghal Church, Pastor Bruce Wiebe:

Fri. Dec. 24 - Sunday School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Program, 10:30 a.m.

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Rev. John Orman:

Sun. Dec. 19 - Service and Communion, 8:30 a.m.; Holy

Communion and Sunday School Presentation, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 24 - Family Service with carols (no comm.), 4 p.m.; Communion and carols, 8 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 26 - Holy Communion and carols, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Jan. 2 - Service and Holy Communion, 8:30 a.m.; Lessons, carols and Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Chinook Winds Christian Centre, Pastors Richard and Beth Kope:

Sun. Dec. 19 - Christmas Service, 6 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 26 - Christmas Service, 10 a.m.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Pastor Grant Siskstrom, Youth Director David Black:

Sun. Dec. 19 - Mini Contata "Joy a King is Born", 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School Program, 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 26 - Regular Service, 10:30 a.m.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church, Pastor John Lucas:

Sun. Dec. 19 - Children's Program, 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 26 - Regular Service, 10:30 a.m.

Pets as presents

How much is that doggy in the window? At this time of year, the short answer is more than either you or the doggy (or kitty) can afford. Owning a pet is at least a fourteen year responsibility that is one of the most rewarding relationships you will ever experience. Dogs and cats have a special trusting relationship with people and offer unconditional companionship and affection. However, all of the best intentions in the world will not help that relationship if it gets off to a rocky start.

How many of us have thought that a puppy or kitten would be just the right thing for a lonely friend or family member? Or as we take a hard look at our aging dog or cat, think that perhaps he/she could use a playful young friend? These thoughts are not at all uncommon and they should set off alarm bells for the following reasons:

During the holiday season everyone plays catch-up with friends and family, which means lots of visitors going in and out of your home, which creates the right circumstances for a new pet to slip outside unnoticed and become lost in an unfamiliar neighbourhood. In their eagerness to play with the new addition to your household, small children will often handle your pet too roughly. Older pets in their twilight years become even more attached to their owners and may often resent the presence of a young playful puppy or kitten.

While a kitten can be easily trained to use a litterbox in-

doors, the cold, blustery weather presents a significant obstacle to house training a shivering young puppy. Tinsel, tree ornaments, turkey and chicken bones and leftovers given by well-meaning humans, are just some of the hazards which your new puppy or kitten will have to navigate around. All of this hustle and bustle causes stress which may lower your pet's resistance to disease and cause a variety of ailments which will necessitate a trip to an emergency clinic, because you may not yet have had time to find and develop a relationship with a veterinarian.

The word of advice for adopting a pet as a surprise gift for a friend or member of your family is "never". You may have to take into account apartment or rental leases, allergies, the person's work and leisure lifestyle and a whole host of other reasons which send a clear signal that at this point in time, for this person, having a pet just wouldn't work out.

Perhaps, the single most important reason against a surprise gift is that owning the pet is a lifetime commitment and each person should have the right to choose for him or herself the new member of their family with which they will forge a special bond of trust and friendship.

There is nothing to prevent you or your friends and family from giving a good home to a pet (especially if adopted from an animal shelter) before or after the holiday season when you have the time and patience to work out any problems which may arise.

South West Didsbury news

Sympathy is extended to the Goetjen family as father passed away Monday, Nov. 29 at the age of 88 years. Funeral was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Left to mourn his loss are two daughters Hope and Pearl and two sons Eric and Carl, as well as two sisters. He spent the last several years in the Active and Auxiliary Hospital; he will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Also sympathy to wife Birgit and family as husband and father Walter Due passed away in the Didsbury Hospital Nov. 19 at the age of 75 years.

A memorial service was held at Knox United Church on Nov. 23 with Rev. Malcolm Proffitt officiating. Knox U.C.W. supplied a lovely lunch to the mourners and friends. Present were his two children Maryann and Evan and their families.

Walter operated the Meat Processing Plant southwest of Didsbury for a number of years before retiring. The plant was taken over by son-in-law Kevin Kurtz and family. Walter will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends.

The area would like to welcome newcomers Daniel and Andrea Popovski and son Cane, who have moved into the Dorothy and Ezra Dippel farm home on the Westcott Road. They own the Gramma's Bakery and Deli in Carstairs.

They do European baking and hot or cold catering and delivery. Hope you folks will soon get acquainted in the area.

Happy 90th birthday to Hazel Youngs, the celebration was on Nov. 27 with the family hosting an open house for an almost over-capacity crowd at Elks Hall.

Son Clifford, a retired school teacher like his mother, was emcee for the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by the 5-0 Singers, as well as granddaughter Doreen Allen and Mrs. Verna Allenspach, playing piano, guitar and singing. There was a skit by the Israelsons and grandchildren and congrats from government officials. A lovely buffet lunch was served and a standing ovation congratulated Hazel on her birthday.

Hazel was born in a sod house west of Carstairs on Nov. 27, 1909 to parents Haddock and Clark Ray. The Rays had immigrated to Canada because the land was high in Nebraska and Clark heard there were homesteads available here. The couple later built a log house, but water still had to be hauled from a spring a mile away. Later they dug a hand-drilled well, and were the first in the district to have a telephone. As a young girl, Hazel answered the phone as it kept ringing but didn't say hello.

When her parents came

home she told them it rang but no one was on the line.

The family didn't have much money after they got here so they used apple boxes and orange crates for cupboards, and mother made doll dishes for the children out of can lids.

Hazel grew up, became a teacher and taught for ten years, then met Ross Youngs and married him in 1938. They raised four children: Neil, Clifford, Elmer and daughter Nala.

Hazel taught school for quite a few years around the district, helped play for dances and still entertains at the Hospital once a week for the Residents. We wish you many more birthdays Hazel and keep up the good work.

Another birthday party, honouring Hazel Wilson's 80th birthday, was held at the 5-0 Club on Nov. 20. Son Todd was emcee to the capacity crowd in attendance. Best wishes and happy birthday to you as well, Hazel.

Best wishes to Jean Shields (Sherman) who underwent heart surgery at the Foothills Hospital on Dec. 1. We do hope you will be home soon and feeling much better Jean, but you will have to slow up a bit.

A bus load of seniors motored down to Calgary to Stage West Theatre Nov. 24 with Don Irwin as the most competent driver. All 48 enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and viewed the show "My Fair Lady".

Parkland Agri Services held their 20th Annual Customer Appreciation Banquet on Friday evening Nov. 26. Everyone enjoyed the lovely supper, speeches and presentations, door prizes



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Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community

Compiled by Colleen Horrigan



Rev. Robert Mohns

Annual Live Nativity performance

The well-attended and well-loved Live Nativity scene will once again be performed by members of the congregation of the Redeemer Lutheran Church this year. The play will be narrated and accompanied by music, and it features live animals in the cast as well as the 25-30 people it takes to tell the timeless story of Christmas.

The play lasts about 20 minutes and will be held on the front lawn of the Church, then there are refreshments and goodies provided by members of the congregation, and a chance to visit with others from the community in the Church gym following the show.

Reverend Robert Mohns of the Redeemer Lutheran Church says that in previous years, about 1,000 people from Didsbury and surrounding areas, including Calgary and Red Deer, have come to enjoy the Live Nativity.

"Over the years, it's really varied depending on the cold but over the three performances we have generally about 1,000 people," said Rev. Mohns, adding that cold weather is no reason not to attend as long as audience members dress for the weather, and that they can warm up in the gym afterwards.

The Live Nativity has been an annual event in Didsbury for about 15 years, and Rev. Mohns says it has become a very popular community event.

"It wasn't my idea but we continue the tradition, and I think it's become a real part of the community," he said. Feedback about the event has also been indicative of people's enjoyment of the show in the past.

"People out there gain a great deal of peace from watching the story of Christ's birth," Rev. Mohns said. "I can't tell you how many letters we get from people, thank you's from families, people from Red Deer and Calgary."

This year's performances will be held Dec. 21, 22, and 23 and start promptly at 7:45 p.m.

Westglen Band Concert

The Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 Bands from Westglen will be hosting their Christmas Band Concert in the Westglen Gymnasium Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

Each grade's band will perform a number of pieces, including a selection of Christmas tunes, and the entire concert is expected to last about an hour.

There is no admission fee to attend, and the poinsettias and Christmas wreaths the approximately 250 band students have sold in their recent fundraiser will be available for pick-up.

Also available at the concert will be hand-painted rustic wooden Santa statues, made by the Grade 5 classes. Each Santa is unique, and the \$10 for each will be put toward the Grade 5's Social Studies textbooks.

Band teacher Vickie Milliken says that turnouts for the concert in previous years have been very good, about 400-500 people each year.

In addition to being entertained by the bands, picking up poinsettias, wreaths, and ornamental Santas, all in attendance this year will have the opportunity to attend the Scholastic Book Fair in the Westglen Library before and after the concert. A wide variety of books will be available, and all the proceeds go to the school for Library books and other materials.



Vickie Milliken

Heritage House Tea and Tour

Anyone interested in looking at old houses or in learning about local history will have a chance to enjoy some of both at the annual Heritage House Tea and Tour scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11.

First initiated four or five years ago, the tour was formed when a number of owners of older homes in the area got together and organized a tour where people would pay to go through and see the homes, all decorated for Christmas, and the money raised would go toward town projects.

This year, there are eleven homes on the route, and the Museum is also a stop. Each house has been given a number, and small groups of people will be sent to a different home on the route to begin, then will work their way around the circuit until each place has been visited. This is to keep homes from becoming too crowded, as there are 200 tickets available for the tour and according to Ruth Jepson, one of the homeowners, the tickets have sold out early in previous years.

Because of last year's high demand, organizers have split the tour this year into two time slots, one beginning at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m. Jepson says that with eleven homes plus tea, refreshments, and an appearance by local author Margaret Fradley at the Museum, they will be lucky to get the first group through before 2 p.m. when the second group starts, so the entire tour is expected to take about four hours.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person, and are being sold at Didsbury Drugs and at Ribbons and Bow. The money raised will be split between the Museum, for hosting the tea, and the rest will likely go to the town decorating committee, Jepson said. The goal of the organizers is to put the money raised toward a town project everyone can enjoy.

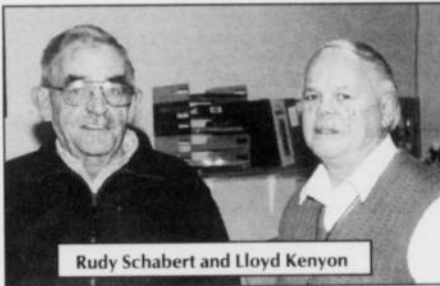
Jepson said that although it is up to each homeowner to guide the tour and decide which parts of their homes will be open to the public, most people really enjoy participating and sharing interesting bits of history about their homes. For example, Jepson's own home has some writing in the attic with the name of the builder and the date: April 29, 1905. It also says the location: Didsbury, North West Territories.

Jepson said sales are going well so anyone wanting tickets shouldn't wait too long.

"I'm sure everyone will find it very enjoyable," Jepson said.



Ruth Jepson



Rudy Schabert and Lloyd Kenyon

Lions Handi-Bus at your service

In keeping with its over 20 years of service to Didsbury and area residents, the Lions Handi-Bus is still available, and volunteer drivers Lloyd Kenyon and Rudy Schabert are happy to help anyone get where they need to go.

One thing Kenyon and Schabert want to tell people is that the bus is for anyone to use, not just seniors or disabled people.

"Some people have the feeling that it's a handicap bus, but it's not. It's just a handy bus...for anyone in the town of Didsbury," said Kenyon.

The Handi-Bus is wheelchair accessible, and Kenyon and Schabert say that with the two of them putting in a total of about eight hours per week, they are never at their maximum for usage of the bus. The bus seats six passengers at a time, including two wheelchairs, and runs three days a week. Kenyon does the driving Mondays and Fridays and Schabert takes his turn on Wednesdays.

According to Kenyon and Schabert, they often make trips for people to get groceries and do other shopping, or to visit doctors, dentists, optometrists, or the post office. They say that the bus isn't all that busy yet with the weather still so nice, but that once it gets colder, they will be busier.

The bus is funded mostly by the Lions club, and gets some funding from Alberta Transportation. There is a small usage fee to help cover costs of \$2 per trip into downtown, or from downtown back home, for residents of Didsbury. Out-of-town passengers pay per kilometre.

Anyone wanting to book a trip on the Handi-Bus can call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363 or Rudy Schabert at 335-9191.

Moving on

Vanda Agencies in Didsbury is getting ready to say goodbye to long-time employee Brenda Dokter, an insurance agent there for the past 16 and a half years. Dokter is planning on making a few major changes in her life, she is expecting twins in March and is planning on moving to Red Deer next summer, as her husband will be transferred there.

Dokter said that the part of her job she will miss the most is all the people she has met and become friends with over the years. She said she has had some of the same clients for the entire 16 years, and has been able to get to know them pretty well during that time. Dokter said she will miss Didsbury and everyone here, but she is also looking forward to moving to Red Deer, where she and her husband are currently building a house.

Dokter's last day of work was officially at the end of November, but she will be returning there on the afternoon of Dec. 17 to attend an open house they are hosting from 1-4 p.m.

Vance van Dam, owner of Vanda Agencies, said that the purpose of the open house is for the company to say Merry Christmas to its clients, and for the employees and clients to say goodbye to Dokter. Refreshments will be served.

"Brenda's been a piece of the woodwork around here for 16 years and we're going to be sorry to see her go. We wish her well," van Dam said.



Brenda Dokter

WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado.

For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: I am very irritated by all the sex and violence on television night after night. The movies are bad enough, but now the sitcoms are just as bad. Is there any way we can influence the networks to be more responsible in their programming?

DR. DOBSON: We have more power to influence television programming than we think. I'm told that every letter received is estimated to represent 40,000 viewers who didn't take the time to write. It's important to know, however, where those letters should be sent.

In earlier days, I wrote directors, producers and other executives at the television networks. My complaints either received rude replies or were largely ignored.

I've since learned it's more beneficial to write the sponsors — the people who pay the bills. They have better reason to care what I think. Witness the success of Fort Worth dentist Dr. Richard Neill, who became upset with the kind of filthy programming aired regularly on the Phil Donahue show during hours when children could have been watching. He began writing the commercial sponsors and informing them of what their money was supporting. One after another, more than 100 of these advertisers began dropping the show.

By 1996, the Donahue program was no longer viable, and it went off the air. Almost single-handedly, Dr. Neill took on a media giant — an icon — and put an end to the junk he was producing. This kind of effort can and should be duplicated all over the country. It is the only way we will clean up the tube.

Advertisers are very responsive to the opinions of viewers because they are spending millions of dollars to promote their products. We can bring pressure on them by letting them know how we feel — positively and negatively. And indeed, we must do this.

QUESTION: I have a great fear that I will someday be divorced. I've been through it with my parents and watched several of my uncles and aunts. It is very hard on everybody. I'd rather not get married than run that risk. Is it possible to protect yourself from a divorce today?

DR. DOBSON: You're not the only member of your generation who worries about the odds against successful marriages. That concern showed up in a song popularized years ago by Carly Simon. The lyrics are devastating. They say, in effect, "It is impossible to achieve intimacy in marriage, and our life together will be lonely, meaningless and sterile. But if that's what you want ... we'll marry." While I understand the pessimism expressed in this song, I disagree emphatically with its message. The family is still a wonderful institution.

Furthermore, it is a myth that marriages are destined to fail. Sixty-one percent of people living in the United States are married, 23 percent have never been married, 8 percent are widowed, and only 8 percent are divorced.

Seventy-five percent of families with children are headed by two married parents. Despite what you hear about disintegrating families, most of us live within them and are happy about that fact.

We do have to acknowledge, however, that marriages are fragile. They must be nurtured and protected if they are to survive for a lifetime. If ignored, they will wither and die.

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Way of life: Celebrate the mystery

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world." (Luke 2:1)

It was a number crisis that threw the world in upheaval on the eve of Jesus' birth! Everyone had to travel back to the land of their ancestor's origins in order to be counted. God used this dramatic upheaval to bring about the fulfillment of his plan of salvation. His only begotten Son, Jesus, was to be born in Bethlehem according to the Word He had given to the prophet Micah long ago.

Many people caught in the upheaval remained ignorant of Christ's birth. King Herod when told, tried to kill Christ. But the scriptures record that there were some who heard God's Word of promise. They believed Him to be the Saviour God had promised. There was Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and wise men, Anna and Simeon to name a few. They listened to the Word of God, the believed and they became witnesses to the greatest mystery the world has ever known, the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Almighty God of the universe descended to earth and became truly and fully human. He took on the form of baby conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, completely dependent upon her care.

The presence of Christ enabled these believers to endure the upheaval of their world. Mary and Joseph were able to safely make the journey to Bethlehem, where God provided them a room. And Mary treasured up

all the things that had happened in her heart. The shepherds were filled with great joy.

Two thousands years later the world finds itself in another numbers crisis, called Y2K. Many people caught up in upheaval will remain in the dark about Christ's birth. Some will dismiss it. But there will be some who will listen to the Word of God, some who believe Jesus to be the Saviour God promised. For these, God in Christ Jesus draws near.

And in the presence of Jesus, the perfect God-man, they discover their greatest treasure and joy, the salvation of their souls and God's enduring care. In

Christ they find a peace that endures even the greatest upheavals in the world.

The community of Redeemer Lutheran Church invites you to come and listen to the Word of promise, of hope and peace. We invite you to come into the presence of God and behold the mystery of the incarnation, to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Our special events and worship times are as follows:

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Tues-Thur, Dec. 21-23, Live Nativity 7:45 p.m. (front lawn)

Friday, Dec. 24, Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25, The Nativity of our Lord with Holy Communion celebrated 10:30 a.m.



Pastor Robert MOHNS
Redeemer Lutheran

Mount View Lodge news

By Annie Caush

Hi all! Did you see our outside Christmas lights? They're really nice. Next week we expect to be all decorated up inside. It's hard to believe it's less than a month until Christmas.

We have had several special events - The Sons of Norway called Bingo and the Chinook Winds Band entertained another afternoon. Besides that we have been having some fun events like tasting some delicious home-made bread and jams and various goodies using peanut butter. Ask a Resident about it sometime.

Several Auxiliary members hosted the November Birthday Party and served lunch. For entertainment Carol Spreeman introduced us to Numerology. Those celebrating November birthdays are Gladys Abra, Laura Dichron, Lavina Ufland and Edna Weldon.

One day last week several Residents joined with some from the Foothills Lodge in Sundre for a trip to Red Deer. Some did a little shopping while others just "people-watched".

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Health Minister launches a new source of timely health information for Canadians

On Nov. 25, Health Minister Allan Rock launched the Canadian Health Network (CHN), an Internet-based health information service for Canadians developed by Health Canada and more than 400 respected health organizations. It is the first national government and non-government partnership of its kind in the world.

"Eighty-five per cent of Internet users look for health information with thousands of web-sites on health-related issues," said Rock in a launch event linking Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal by satellite. "The Canadian Health Network is a single door to a world of information that will help Canadians make choices about health and well-being. The government of Canada has played a leadership role in bringing together

this innovative service."

The CHN - located at www.canadian-health-network.ca - is a non-profit service funded by and developed in partnership with Health Canada. In the February 1999 budget, the government of Canada announced substantial investments for a range of health information and communications technology initiatives. The CHN is one of these key initiatives, receiving \$32 million over three years.

The Canadian Health Network opens the door to the collective knowledge and experience of organizations from every province and territory ranging from the Canadian Cancer Society to the Tzi Chi Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

From AIDS/HIV, to mental health, substance use and addiction, the CHN site includes information on a wide array of health issues. Not only does it look at specific health topics, the site also provides insight into regional and societal health concerns, such as rural health, Aboriginal health and homelessness, among others.

The focus of the information is on health and disease prevention. Information resources are intended to help people lead healthier lives by providing them with trustworthy information on how to take care of themselves and others and help prevent illness and disease.

Quality information found easily: As people rely on the web for health information, they are looking for resources that provide relevant, current and trust-

worthy information which they can access quickly. Consultations with Canadians show some are frustrated by the current amount of information without a guide to what they can trust. Bringing together existing expertise and proven information sources from publicly-funded health resource organizations is an efficient way to bring Canadians health information they can trust.

"If a Canadian woman looking for information about stress searches on one of the thousands of health web sites available today, she may be faced with thousands of results on a single health site alone; wading through vast amounts of information simply becomes too onerous a task," said Bryan Hayday, chief executive officer of the Canadian Health Net-

work. "If she were to type in the same search terms on the Canadian Health Network today, she would get about 26 results - a much more manageable number. Furthermore, the results would be from Canadian resources that are proven trustworthy, and she could quickly narrow her search to find resources and support in her region."

One of the unique qualities of the Canadian Health Network is how the information it offers will be managed. CHN will share management and decision-making through its distributed network of partners so that they, and their information and subject matter expertise, become CHN's primary assets. This management structure will enable CHN to provide the best possible information to Canadians.

Words from Westglen

By Jessica Romanow

As we enter the month of December everyone is busy getting ready for Christmas. It's time for giving and sharing, so come and share the music of Christmas with our school bands. It is on the evening of Dec. 9. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. The wreath and poinsettia orders will be at the school on this evening. If you can't make it to the concert, the band student who sold it to you will deliver it.

As well on the evening of the Band Concert the Scholastic book fair will be open for a short time before and after the concert. Do come and support our Library. The funds from the Book fair go directly to our school for books and library materials. The band concert night is a busy one. Also on sale

are rustic wooden Santas. These have been created by the Grade 5's from Mrs. Massel's and Mrs. Whitlow's rooms. Each student has made one for themselves and a second one to sell. They are \$10 each. The proceeds will be used for Grade 5 Social Studies textbooks.

Mrs. Israelson's French 7-2 class is enjoying their exchange activities with Mrs. Saina's Grade 7's from Hugh Sutherland in Carstairs. They are looking forward to a visit from those students in January. They will host a tour of Westglen in French and will participate in other French speaking activities.

Our Junior curling teams are busy after school every Monday and Wednesday. These curlers are part of the Didsbury Curling Club and Mrs. Massel and Mrs. Whitlow are the Westglen

supervisors. Rev. Bruce Wiebe is the coach and the coordinator of the Junior Curling. He and his teams travel throughout the county in competition. We wish them good luck this season.

The WOW committee trip to Rollerland in Calgary on Dec. 3 was postponed until January. There were not enough students interested to justify chartering a bus.

The WOW committee again sponsored a successful food drive on Dec. 3. Thanks to everyone who donated to the Food Bank.

Our annual Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15 for all students and staff.

Our last day of school before the Christmas holidays is Friday, Dec. 17.

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Strong workforce in the trades

The current growth in the Alberta economy is good news for Albertans - particularly those in the skilled trades. The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board and Alberta Learning have been actively working with industry to address the demand for skilled tradespeople.

We're working with industry; encouraging them to hire and train apprentices and addressing their longterm needs for skilled employees. Together we're making sure that we are always planning ahead. For example, ongoing studies with the Construction Owners Association of Alberta are helping us to assess Alberta's construction requirements beyond 2002.

We're also working with industry and Aboriginal people to determine what can be done to address the need for more Aboriginal participation in apprenticeship programs and the workforce.

As of September 1999, there were approximately 30,000 apprentices registered in Alberta - and we're creating even more opportunities to become an apprentice.

•The Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) makes it possible for high school students to begin an apprenticeship while completing their high school diplomas. RAP registrations continue to increase. There are more than 580 high school students in the RAP program, and an equal number of graduates are currently completing apprenticeships they started in high school. Some early RAP apprentices are now certified journeymen.

•CAREERS...The Next Generation promotes trades and technologies to youth. It works with industry to make new entry-level apprenticeship positions available to youth across the province.

Apprenticeship training for Albertans in a number of high-needed trades will be more accessible as a result of over \$10 million in access funding over a two-year period. The funding is to address the technical training needs of specific trades and specific regions. Training is being expanded for apprentices in the welder; electrician; heavy equipment technician; machinist; millwright; steamfitter pipefitter; bricklayer; roofer, plumber; painter and decorator; floorcovering installer; recreation vehicle service technician; sheet metal worker and partsman trades across Alberta.

Other investments include:

- Creating more modular and

distance learning opportunities, allowing apprentices to better balance their technical training with employers' needs.

- Providing a grant and loan program to help apprentices attend technical training. The Rutherford Scholarship is available to qualified apprentices.

- Encouraging industry to make significant contributions to training in post-secondary institutions.

- Encouraging more industry scholarships for apprentices.

Apprenticeship training is changing. It's maintaining the same quality standards but becoming more responsive to the needs of employers and apprentices. Innovations in apprenticeship programs include flexible instruction times, mobile delivery and distance delivery. For example:

- Electricians, carpenters, welders and locksmiths have Competency-Based Apprenticeship Training (CBAT) available to them. This means they can learn at their own pace while at school.

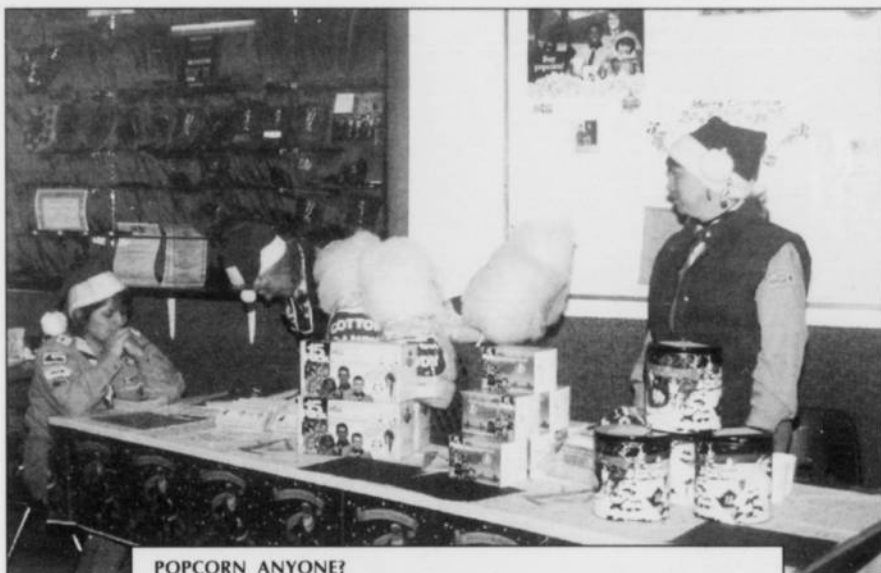
- Employers and apprentices in roofer, communication electrician, appliance service technician and bricklayer trades have had technical training delivered in their communities through a mobile training program.

- Weekly (one day a week) apprenticeship training is available in the partsman, machinist, cook, carpenter and welder trades.

- Distance delivery of theoretical instruction is available in the electrician trade. Apprentices in this program schedule their lab activities at a time that fits their personal schedules.

We've increased the options for certification of workers. For example, in the auto body technician trade, apprenticeship training and journeyman certification is available for collision, refinishing or both craft areas. We are also redesigning training and certification in the heavy equipment technician trade.

- We give credit for prior learning. Challenge exams and advanced standing in apprenticeship programs are available to people with previous work experience and/or training. We give credit for one and two-year technician and technology programs. For example, more than 25 two-year technology programs offered at NAIT, SAIT, Medicine Hat College, Lethbridge Community College and Olds College are accredited toward an apprenticeship.
- We give credit for recog-



POPCORN ANYONE?

Business was good for the local Scouting groups last Friday night during the Midnight Madness celebrations. The Scouts were set up in the Eldon Foote Hall, where they were selling popcorn and cotton candy.

nized pre-employment programs at all institutions that offer apprenticeship training. Many of these institutions are in rural communities.

- We have made it easier for high school students to get credit for Career and Technology Studies courses toward the hairstylist, electronics technician, carpenter, cabinetmaker, electrician, automotive service technician and cook trades. Other trades are being considered.

We're increasing Alberta's skill base:

- Since January 1997, more than 11,000 Alberta apprentices have received journeyman certificates.

- Through other programs, we are recognizing a person's prior work experience, knowl-

edge and skills - without compromising industry standards. Since January 1997, 946 individuals have demonstrated their skills and knowledge in a number of trades and have been issued Alberta certificates.

- Alberta is an active participant in the interprovincial Standards (Red Seal) program. Participation in this program enables Red Seal certified individuals to work in Alberta without further examination or certification.

Journeymen from other provinces and territories who hold an Interprovincial Red Seal in a trade recognized in Alberta have easy access to employment opportunities.

Our ongoing consultation with industry and the public

about apprenticeship and industry training keeps the system responsive, affordable, accountable and effective. We are constantly improving communication with stakeholders about the system, how it works and new developments. We've established Update, the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board newsletter, which has a circulation of more than 60,000.

We're also promoting the Alberta apprenticeship and industry training system and career opportunities in the trades through the apprenticeship web site at www.tradesecrets.org. The site provides information of interest to the public, apprentices, journeymen and employers.

CWB bulletin

At a glance:

The CWB will be recommending to the federal government that 1999-2000 initial payments for wheat, durum and designated barley be increased. The request follows the release of the CWB's latest Pool Return Outlook (PRO) which saw increases in expected returns for durum, higher protein wheat and two-row designated barley.

The CWB has a delegation in Seattle this week as part of the World Trade Organization (WTO) talks. The CWB is part of the Canadian contingent of non-governmental organizations. Representing the CWB are board members Larry Hill of Swift Current (District 3) and Bill Nicholson of Shoal Lake, MB (District 9), Executive VP, Corporate Affairs, Gord Miles and VP Corporate Policy Tami

Reynolds. Call Deanna Allen at 204-983-4497 to arrange interviews with the CWB representatives.

The CWB's fourth annual Moving Up Market conference began Nov. 29 in Regina. It ran until Dec. 1. The theme of this year's conference was the production and marketing of organic grain.

From elevator to port:

Rail car unloads (for week 17, week ending Nov. 28) for all grains were 3,193 at Vancouver (target: 3,300) and 1,170 at Prince Rupert (target 1,200). Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totalled 2,465 cars (target: 2,900).

Primary elevator space (for week 17) was 18%, the same as the week before. Manitoba elevators averaged 19% space, Saskatchewan elevators averaged 18% space and Alberta elevators averaged 16% space.

FOB forward:

The West Coast will have had a record volume of bulk grain move through its ports in the month of November. Vancouver and Prince Rupert will have handled between 1.7 and 1.8 million tonnes of bulk grain (CWB accounting for 1.2 million tonnes) by the end of the month. This beats the highest previous November movement of 1.6 million tonnes in 1991.

Potpourri: The final demurrage/despatch numbers are in for 1998-99. The CWB earned a record \$6.6 million in net despatch for the past crop year. This means vessel owners are paying farmers for good system performance (as opposed to paying demurrage or penalties for poor performance). In 1997-98, the CWB earned \$4.5 million in net despatch earnings.

EUB addresses public concerns

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) acknowledges the increasing profile of public concerns about Alberta's petroleum industry. In response, they have prepared a free brochure entitled Responding to Public Concerns About Oil and Gas in Alberta.

Our objective is to improve public awareness of the many existing and new ways available to communities and individuals to address issues that may arise between themselves and industry. The Board encourages people with concerns to take advantage of these measures, and urges oil and gas operators to provide this information to landowners.

The brochure summarizes key concerns that people have expressed to staff and provides a list of additional information related to each issue. Topics include:

- the EUB public complaint response process
- expectations for public consultation
- new options to resolve landowner-industry disputes (e.g. alternative dispute resolution)
- our commitment to surveillance and enforcement
- new requirements to significantly reduce flaring
- new animal health investigation process

The brochure is available on the EUB website at www.eub.gov.ab.ca with direct electronic links to other supporting documents. Paper copies are available free of charge from EUB field centres.



FOR SALE

Many ladies turned out to that annual Hospital Auxiliary Tea and Bazaar last Friday afternoon, held in the Assembly Room at the hospital. Many people were on hand selling their homemade wares, which included a lot of Christmas crafts and decorations.

Take the oil - save the soil

A Farmers' Advocate of Alberta news release

Farmers and ranchers in Alberta, along with all Albertans, benefit from revenues created by the oil and gas industry, however, the adage of "take the oil but save the soil" is still very prevalent.

According to Farmers' Advocate, Dean Lien, the majority of farmers welcome exploration, petroleum and gas development, providing the end result leaves their land in a sustainable condition and they have been fairly compensated for loss of use and adverse effect.

This, of course, is not always a true scenario.

Thousands of acres have been permanently damaged by careless and sometimes unscrupulous activities by energy companies.

The list starts with seismic operations and carries through to the exploration, development and reclamation of a site. Each and every process needs basic down-to-earth people skills to avoid those confrontations we have seen recently. Farmers are God-fearing souls, who love the land, their farm, their community and so on. Any intrusion onto their property may be interpreted as an injustice or challenge to their right of ownership.

When an energy company employee approaches a farmer, he should be "tuned in" to the point that he knows how a farmer feels about others on his land; how he values its productivity, and lastly, of course, its effect on his lifestyle.

There is a general feeling among rural landowners that there is a lack of respect on behalf of energy companies toward themselves and their land.

Anyone desiring access onto a farmer's land should respect that land and treat it as they would their own.

The Office of the Farmers' Advocate provides information daily to farmers when dealing with energy companies. In most cases the relationship is good but as we all know "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel".

Some energy companies have recognized that they must improve their public relations skills and get their heads out of the corporate cloud and be realistic in dealing with landowners.

In 1998 the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board issued licenses for 7,858 wells that were drilled and permits for 8,900 kilometres of pipeline construction.

Projections for the year 2000 from industry are that 10,700 new wells will be drilled.

For the most part, agriculture and energy have had a good partnership in Alberta. It is vital that both parties understand each other's positions.

With a little effort made towards correcting the problems that exist we should be able to continue this union into the new millennium.

Energy associations like the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen, the Small Energy Producers Association of Canada and others have recognized the need to hone up on their communications skills.

Presently they are working with their members and farm organizations to address this matter.

Feeding the pre-winter cow

Every beef cow producer should be concerned about getting beef cows wintered so that they will be able to deliver a healthy, strong newborn calf. More importantly, what is done nutritionally during the next five to six months will have a large influence on calf survivability and the cow's re-breeding potential next year.

"Producers should consider the cow's nutritional requirements over the winter months," says Bill Grabowsky, beef specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin. "On average, many of Alberta's cow herds are in their mid-third period of gestation in the annual production cycle. Calves have been weaned and the cows' bodily needs are essentially the lowest they are going to get. No big demands on

their systems are being made until mid-January. Cows in poor body condition should be fed differently, though. Breed condition scoring, if practicing this management technique, is made and many producers shoot for a 2.5 or a 3.0 on a scale of one to five. Those in a 3.0 to 3.5 can afford to lose weight but those in a 2.5 or less should be fed to maintain or increase condition."

Low quality roughages should be supplemented with energy protein vitamins and minerals. Correcting shortfalls and balancing the nutritional needs of the cow in the last stage before calving is highly important.

"If producers short-change cows in the last 50 to 60 days before calving, the results will be low milk production, weak calves, lower rates of first serv-

ice conception and reduced weaning weights," adds Grabowsky. "I'm sure most producers want to do things right nutritionally. Correcting imbalances now and before calving will greatly reduce the chances of reproductive and performance problems."

Weather, feed quality, breed makeup and cow condition all influence the end product. A good manager can put these factors together and correct the imbalances. It will pay dividends to those who place reproduction and calf survivability as their number one concern.

Agriculture staff have access to Cowbytes, a beef cow ration balancing program. Producers who would like to have their herd's rations checked, should give the local Alberta Agriculture district office a call and ask to talk to the beef specialist.

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EUB issues report on utility revenue

On Nov. 25, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board issued its decision report concerning Phase I applications by TransAlta Utilities Corporation (TransAlta), EPCOR Generation Inc. (EPCI), EPCOR Transmission Inc. (EPTI) and ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) requesting higher revenue requirements for the years 1999 and 2000. The board reduced the requested increase to revenue requirements, however, exact changes to consumer electricity rates resulting from the board's decision will not be known until subsequent review processes are completed.

In Phase I utility proceedings, the board sets an overall revenue requirement for a utility. This revenue requirement is the revenue needed to cover all costs including a fair return on investment. In Phase II proceedings, the revenue requirement determined in Phase I is allocated among each of the rate classes which the utility serves. This was a Phase I proceeding for the years 1999 and 2000. The final conclusion of a Phase II proceeding for earlier test years is pending.

This Phase I decision report is the result of an extensive EUB public hearing held from March 29 to June 11, 1999 in Edmonton, with final submissions received by the board on July 19. The decision is of particular significance because it advances aspects of electric industry restructuring. Parties participating in this hearing included utilities and intervenors representing virtually all segments of the electric industry and consumer groups in the province.

On May 10, the board approved a negotiated settlement (NS) between AE and intervening consumer groups. After this NS, the board was only asked to rule on three outstanding issues with respect to AE. Although the board took several steps to facilitate NS agreements between TransAlta, EPCI, EPTI and the intervenors, the parties involved were either unwilling or unable to achieve a NS. The board was therefore asked to rule on their applications through the hearing process.

The board did not accept the TransAlta, EPCI and EPTI applications for increased revenue requirements. The board, therefore, directed these utilities to revise their revenue requirements for the years 1999 and 2000, and to file updated information with the board by Dec. 16. This information will be used to determine changes to industrial, commercial, and residential rates to be charged by each utility.

In this decision, the board has carried out a comprehensive review of utility revenues and costs and has balanced the need to ensure that electricity rates paid by consumers are fair and reasonable, with the need of utility companies to maintain financial integrity and the opportunity to earn a fair return on their investments. This decision provides directions to the utilities for the

1999 and 2000 time periods and provides guidance for the transition to industry restructuring.

This decision addressed a number of complex and interrelated issues, which resulted in a report of over 800 pages. Aspects of the decision include:

- Exact changes to consumer rates for customers served by TransAlta resulting from the decision are anticipated to be relatively minor, but cannot be determined and finalized until subsequent re-filing of updated information. Although the EPCI and EPTI applied for tariffs were reduced by the board, the final costs to consumers served by these utilities is a matter for the City of Edmonton. Similarly, although the municipally owned distribution systems (Calgary, Red Deer and Lethbridge) will receive the benefits of the reduction in requested generation and transmission tariffs from this decision, final costs to those consumers are a matter for those municipal jurisdictions.

- The board has implemented processes that address the transition from the current regulated environment to a deregulated environment commencing Jan. 1, 2001. The board also established an audit process whereby consumer groups can verify certain allocated costs and revenues. These new processes provide additional accountability and transparency to utility transactions.

- The board has approved capital expenditures and necessary operating costs to maintain and improve the reliability of the generation, transmission and distribution systems.

- The board has implemented deferral accounts for electricity pool prices so that customers and utilities are kept in a balanced risk position from gains or losses associated with the difficulty in predicting power pool prices.

Open border is a high priority

The cattle industry and government have agreed to explore changes to Canada's animal health requirements to allow feeder cattle from certain U.S. states to enter Canada year-round.

"We're aiming for this year-round access to commence April 1, 2000," says Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) President Ben Thorlakson.

"This is a high priority with the CCA. This will be good for the industry."

The changes being pursued by the CCA fit with the philosophy of a North American-wide cattle industry and will help ease trade tensions between Canadian and U.S. producers.

Currently, under the Canadian Restricted Feeder Cattle Import Program (formerly the Northwest Project) the states of North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Hawaii meet Canadian animal health standards, enabling the shipment of cattle to Canada from October 1 to March 31.

Thorlakson explains, "The bottom line is our trade with the United States dwarfs other foreign trade. We have to take into account the concerns of our trading partners, and the American producers are very concerned over their inability to sell cattle in Canada in the summer months. It's our intention to address that, which is a very positive move for

both industries."

Thorlakson adds, "We are pleased the Minister of Agriculture (Lyle Van Clief) has agreed to work toward this

important goal. We're calling for industry consultations to be immediately initiated and changes pursued with a priority status."



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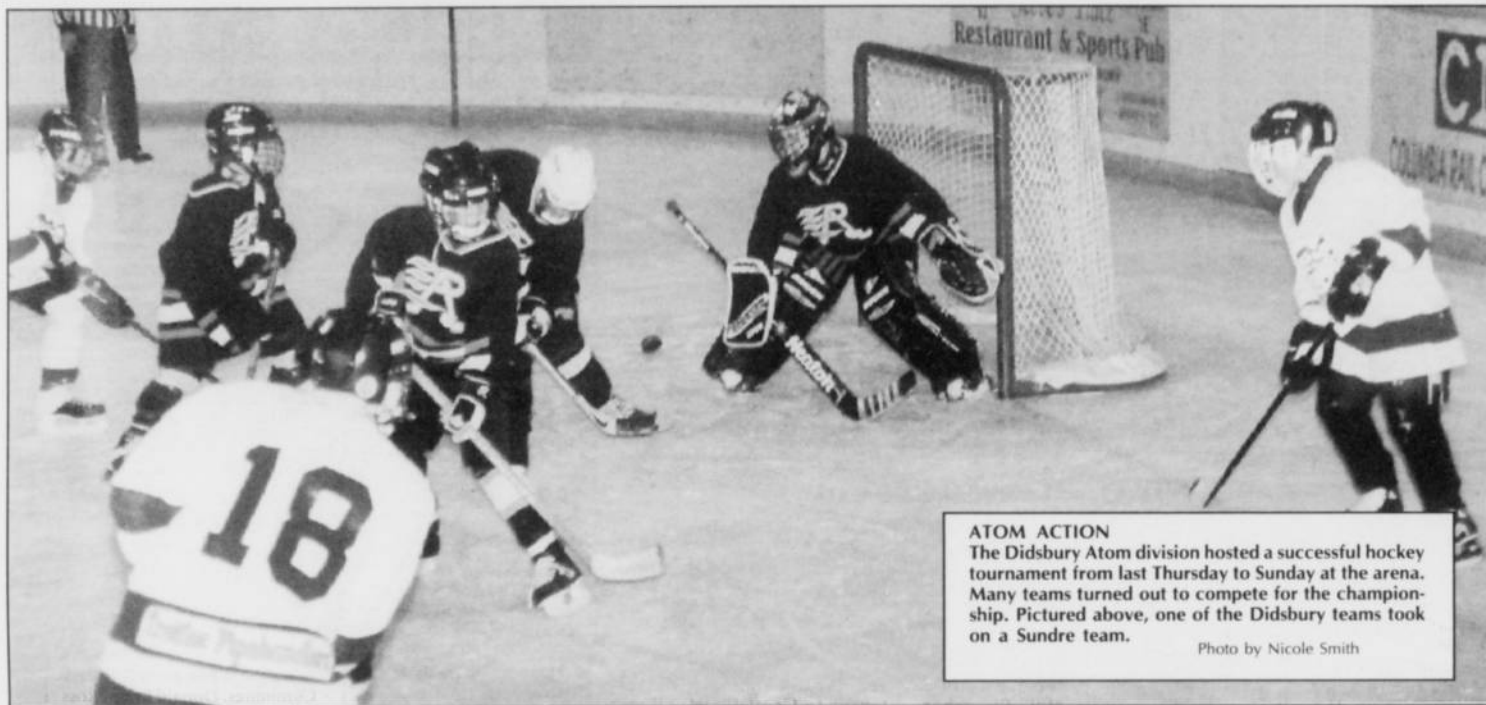
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ATOM ACTION

The Didsbury Atom division hosted a successful hockey tournament from last Thursday to Sunday at the arena. Many teams turned out to compete for the championship. Pictured above, one of the Didsbury teams took on a Sundre team.

Photo by Nicole Smith

Atom A Rock & Roll undefeated

Nov. 21 saw Okotoks come to Didsbury. Size wise, Didsbury Rock & Roll were much smaller than Okotoks but could skate with them. Okotoks scored two early goals and looked strong. Didsbury kept skating hard and after the first period the score was tied. In the second, Didsbury took control by hard work and team play and after a third period filled with a lot of chippy play and many bad penalties to Okotoks, the Rock & Roll won 10-3, an easy win. Scorers were Riley Edwards, Josh Robertson, Jonathon Lefebvre and Travis Dietrich.

Carstairs came to the Rock & Roll barn on Nov. 27 and ran into an eager and pumped up Didsbury team. The home team was much more talented this game and won easily 15-5. Carstairs never stopped trying and showed a lot of heart. Scoring for Didsbury were Nick Pochapsky, Josh Robertson, Travis Dietrich, Riley Edwards, Jonathon Lefebvre and Mitch McKetiak.

On Nov. 28, the Rock & Roll travelled to Morley to play Cochrane in an exhibition game. This was by far the most entertaining hockey game played this year. Cochrane is a fast-skating, skilled and well-coached hockey club and it showed early as the Rock & Roll were pinned in their own end for much of the first period. Cochrane led 2-0

early but our guys kept skating and trying. Kris Jackson came to play and was very strong in net, keeping the Rock & Roll close. Didsbury let loose in the second with Josh Robertson and Riley Edwards showing leadership. Josh led the Rock & Roll to a 4-3 lead after two periods. The referee let the boys play, only calling the obvious penalties, and the third period saw excellent end-to-end action. Cochrane was clearly frustrated with Didsbury's heart and hustle. There was a lot of good clean body contact in this match, and the Rock & Roll coaches kept their team going hard. Team defence was great this day with everyone coming back and helping Kris the goalie. The final score was 7-3 Didsbury but the game was much better than the score outcome.

Scoring for Rock & Roll were Josh Robertson, Riley Edwards, Jonathon Lefebvre, Dakota Uhrich, Nick Pochapsky and Mitch McKetiak.

The Rock & Roll team has been upgraded in their division because of their strong showing.

They are now in a league with Cochrane, Canmore, High River, Hanna, Indus, Okotoks and Three Hills. The next games are Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 against Indus and Hanna at 1:30 p.m. in Didsbury. Come out and watch your Atom team in action.

Joys of tyke hockey

By Judy Edwards

This past weekend was a road trip for the Didsbury Tykes 2 with games in Carstairs and Bowden.

Carstairs challenged hard in the first two periods, but Didsbury was able to put the game away in the third with a final score of 5-1.

Bowden's goalie kept them in the Sunday game, but the veterans proved too strong and Didsbury won 14-4.

As a seasoned hockey mom, I so enjoy a tyke game.

They say that everything you need to know about team sports can be learned in tykes. It is at this level that our children learn the value of fair play, good sportsmanship, hard work and how to be a team player, not a "me" player. It is at this age that a positive attitude begins to mold a player that can enjoy the game of hockey for many years ahead. Down the road, it isn't the goal scoring or the wins that one remembers, but the simple things and the friends that were made along the way.

For example, I'll never forget the look on Nicole Miller's face when she received the game puck representing her first ever goal. Or the bond between coach Gord and son Cody Krebs as they "high five" a good play.

And we'll all remember Evan Thompson for his defensive moves, especially the pause behind our own net, "setting up the play".

Keegan Paton has shown more heart and desire to learn the game and improve his skills than any other player.

Cole Robertson has such a love for the game, but who could forget those special "wave at mom" moments?

The best is when Daniel Graaf lines up for a face off and assumes "the position".

Branton Olefort's eyes light up when his teammates call him "the rocket man", living proof of how quickly one can improve.

Remember the game when Jason Edwards was too busy encouraging our goalie after a bad goal to notice that the play had resumed?

When I think of team devotion I think of Braden Overwater, a player who would go the extra mile for the sake of his teammates. And we are all still trying to figure out Sean McGillis' new pre-game meal that transforms him from the quiet guy in the dressing room to a speed machine on the ice!

No one will forget Tanner Watt and his mom's special "goal" moment, but more importantly is how he has evolved as a solid two-way player.

And how about Kayla Edwards' amazing cat-like performance in net?

Blake Shields reminds us that endurance and determination reaps rewards.

Of course we will all remember Will Hadway for his steady cheerleading from the bench and in the dressing room, but who could forget the days of "Oops dad, forgot my gloves!"

Coaches Tom (the candy man) Hadway, Gord (the calm one) Krebs, and Brent (the enforcer) Youngs will be remembered for their ability to teach and encourage and still keep the game fun for everyone.

Moms and dads, take it from me...these truly are the best years of hockey. While it is important to celebrate the goals, the saves and the wins, it is more important to enjoy the simple things. The secret is to teach our children to do the same.

Keep making memories kids, the season is only half over.

Didsbury Men's 1999 open bonspiel a clean sweep

By Carson Schultz

There was great excitement as 32 rinks, along with their cheering supporters, crowded into the rink to sweep, throw and shout their teams to victory.

Teams from Red Deer, Olds, Carstairs, Crossfield, Cremona, Cochrane, Airdrie, Calgary and Didsbury participated in our most successful spiel ever.

The bonspiel committee wants to thank the out-of-town rinks for their support as well as our 16 local rinks to make this event possible. Also, a big thank you goes out to the sponsors, TransAlta Utilities, Treasury Branch, Royal Bank, and Mountain View Credit Union for their donation of prizes to the event winners.

Organizers tried a new bonspiel format with a split C/D event, which proved to be very successful. It eliminated that gruelling four-game back to back series of games on Satur-

day, which all curlers dread. It also allowed teams another event to curl in. Somehow every team came out a winner.

The curling results were as follows:

A Side winners: Richardson rink of Olds, skipped by Larry Richardson, third Darren Brown, second Brian Houchin, and lead Ron Thorpe.

A Side runner-up: Clifford rink of Olds, skipped by Kent Clifford, third Larry Marshall, second Todd Marshall, and lead Curtis Heemeryck.

B Side winners: Cummings rink of Cremona, skipped by Terry Cummings, third Donald Brian, second Ross Parsons, and leads Ed Allen and Nels Brian.

B Side runner-up: Remillard rink of Olds, skipped by Dennis Remillard, third Ray Miller, second Ken Weseen, and lead Dennis McGuiness.

C Side winners: Reese rink of Didsbury, skipped by Harry Reese, third Greg Reese, second

Barry Reese, and lead Bob Monteith.

C Side runner-up: Halbauer rink of Didsbury, skipped by Brad Halbauer, third Richard Stickney, seconds Howie Snyder and Bob Whitlow, and lead Howard Krebs.

D Side winners: Kilford rink of Airdrie, skipped by Terry Hall, third Kim Sorenson, second Darel Kilford, and lead Tom Aylman.

D Side runner-up: Stiles rink of Carstairs, skipped by Stephen Stiles, third Bill Carruthers, second Wayne Hladik, and lead John Williams.

Visiting teams and spectators expressed many positive remarks in regard to our rink and the ice, which we are proud of.

The volunteer kitchen and refreshment staff once again did a tremendous job in serving its customers, making this the most successful men's spiel ever.

See you all next year.



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"C" Side Winners were: Harry Reese, Greg Reese, Barry Reese and Bob Monteith.



"D" Side Winners were: Terry Hall, Kim Sorenson, Darel Kilford and Tom Aylman.

No singing the Blues here

The St. Louis Blues, who joined the National Hockey League in 1967, have been a contender almost every single year, only missing the playoffs three times to date.

Compiling a 163-147-62 record since their inception, the Blues are the winningest expansion team since the 60s. And it doesn't appear that they're willing to give that up this season.

They are currently battling the Detroit Red Wings for first place in the Central Division. Sporting a 15-7-2-0 record, they are second only to the league-leading Toronto Maple Leafs in the run for the Presidents' Trophy; a feat they have yet to accomplish.

Pavol Demitra leads the team in scoring with 26 points. Veteran Pierre Turgeon is second with 24 points. What really separates the Blues from the rest of the NHL, is their ability to groom players in the minors, and bring them up successfully to the big-times. General Manager Larry Pleau and his staff strongly be-

lieve that most rookies benefit tremendously from an extra year in junior and in the minors. Such was the case with 22-year-old Michal Handzus. He played a full year with the Worcester Ice Cats in 1997-98, where he scored 63 point sin 69 games. His first full year with the Blues was a success, tallying 16

points in 66 games. He is currently third on team scoring with 19 points. Another 22-year-old, Jochen Hecht, was originally drafted in 1995, but spent three full years in his hometown of Mannheim, Germany, before coming to North America. Hecht also played a full year with the Ice Cats where he collected 56 points. This is his rookie year in the NHL, and he's making the best of it, often playing alongside Demitra and Turgeon. He has 15 points, putting him in the top five in rookie scoring.

Goaltending has been remarkable for the Blues.



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Bantams heat up the ice

The Didsbury Bantams were realigned from B2 up to A2. We are now in a much more competitive league where we play teams that are the same calibre as our Bantams.

The Bantams played two league games last weekend and to date have not lost a game.

The first game after realignment sent the Bantams to Cremona.

This game was fast paced as both teams skated hard up and down the ice. Lots of backchecking and rushes on the net gave Didsbury a win of 9-6.

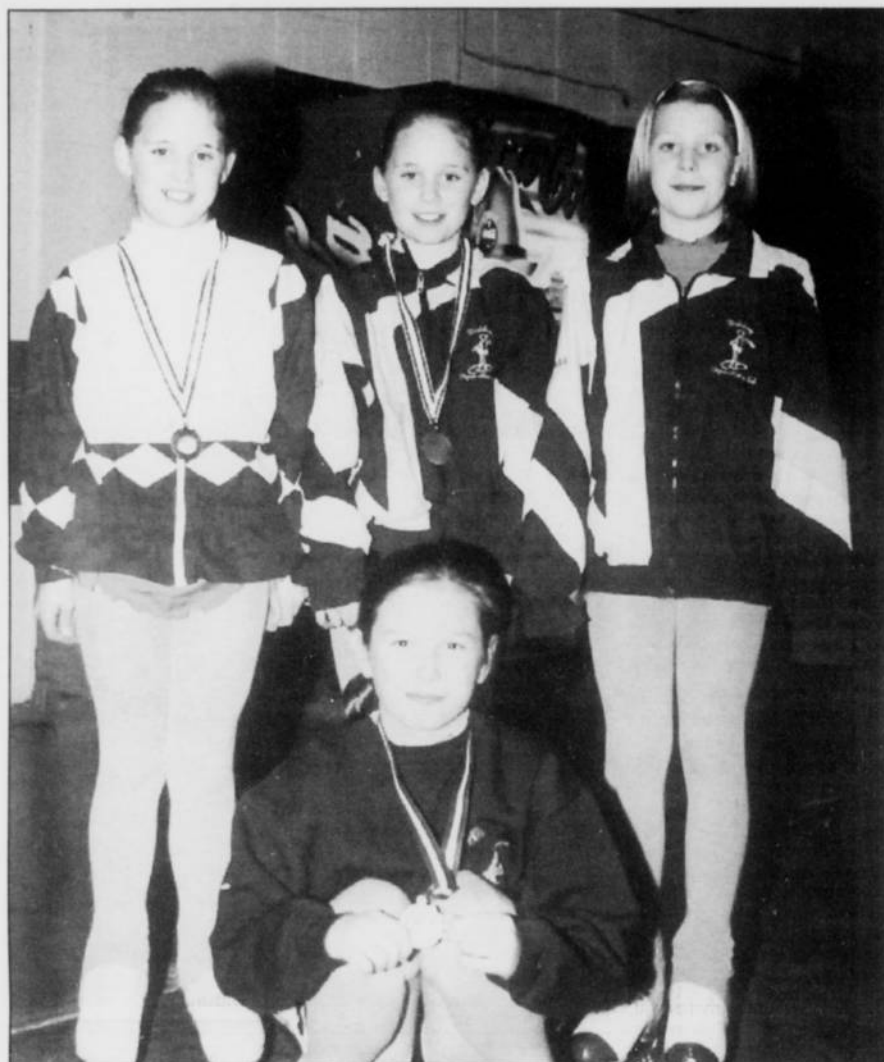
Shots were dominated by Cremona but the awesome goaltending of Troy Schwandt

kept the team in the game. Points went to Cody Archer and Luke Spreeman with hattricks each, Dusty Roberts with two goals and Ian Brander with a single.

Assists went to Matt Mantai with three, Luke Spreeman and Dusty Roberts with a pair each, and singles going to Ian Brander, Adam Hunsperger, Travis Miko, Mark Konschuh and Cody Archer.

Our second game on Sunday, Dec. 5, the Bantams headed south to Crossfield where they were looking to keep up their winning streak. Once again the Bantams hit the ice hard.

The play seesawed back and forth with both teams forechecking and maintaining a strong physical presence throughout the game. Didsbury dominated the game but brutal reffing kept Crossfield in the game. Kyle Christensen did an outstanding job netminding. Carl Dorin received his first ever goal with a slap shot from the blue line. Good job Carl! Other goals went to Ian Brander with three, and Cody Archer and Dusty Roberts had singles. Assists went to Matt Mantai with three and Ian Brander and Cody Archer with one apiece. Final score was a 6-6 tie.



SKATING SENSATIONS

Local figure skaters Cassandra Dietrich, Carley Dietrich, Sarah Baker and Allison McCoy placed well at the Polarama '99 competition in Olds.

Photo by Nicole Smith

Medal winners at Polarama '99

Congratulations to the Didsbury skaters who competed at "Polarama '99", the Central Region open competition hosted by the Olds Figure Skating Club.

The competition took place Nov. 27 and 28. Sarah Baker placed 7th of 13 in pre-preliminary elements, Carley Dietrich placed 5th of 13 in pre-preliminary elements and 2nd in the 14 step show dance, Cassandra Dietrich placed 4th of 13 in pre-preliminary elements and 2nd in 14 step show dance and Allison McCoy placed 3rd of 13 in pre-preliminary elements. Good luck to those skaters who are competing at the Lake Bonavista Competition in Calgary Dec. 10 and 11.

Figure skaters on the ice again

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club have had a busy start to their season. This year they hosted a very successful mini-fall camp with skaters attending from Olds, Carstairs, Crossfield, Cremona and Didsbury.

Didsbury has already hosted two test days with skaters coming from as far away as Golden, B.C. Congratulations to our own skaters who passed the following tests: Sarah Baker - Class 6 Skating Skills, Swing Willow 10 Fox and 14 step dances; Casey Collinge - Willow dance; Carley Dietrich - Class 5 Skating Skills, American and Harris dances; Cassandra Dietrich - Class 5 Skating Skills, American and Harris dances; Nicole Lemishka - Argentine and Silver Samba dances (Nicole is the first skater in the Didsbury club to pass this new Samba dance); Allison McCoy - Class 6 and Class 5 Skating Skills and the European and Keats dances; Caitlin Metka - Dutch, Canasta and Baby Blues dances; Angela Pothier - Starlight dance; and Chelsea Wannamaker - 14 step dance.

Good luck to those skaters who are taking tests at the Dec. 17 test day.

The learn to skate, Canskate and pre-hockey groups have had a lot of fun and have progressed greatly under the direction of coaches Ciara McNiff, Tanya Kohut and Jan McMullen.

It is never too late to register in any of our programs, for more information please call Sharon at 335-9775.

Please watch for news of our annual Carnival and Dinner Theatre in the new year.

Pee Wee A playing well together again

With the majority of this team playing together two years ago when they won the Atom A League Championship, it was only a matter of time before this talented group of players picked up where they left off!

Second year Pee Wee players are Chris Gole, Charles Weber, Aaron Herold, Cody Edwards, Will Harvie, Jackson Meston, Ross Sundberg, Jeff Clazie, Brett Fillmore, Mike Whalen, Les Marston and Ben May. First year players Brad Edwards, Rob Leiper and Myles Bogner have made the big adjustment from Atom to PeeWee and hit hockey.

Head coach Chris Bell is joined behind the bench by Don Edwards, Gary Edwards and Mark Kendze. The coaches are looking forward to a game with a full line up (that lasts the whole game) and a reduction in penalty minutes to take advantage of the new point system that awards an extra point to each team with 12 or fewer minutes in penalties per game. Rob Leiper has taken the job of manager and is doing an excellent job.

Games with Drumheller, Airdrie, Siksika, Sundre, Cremona and High River provided exciting, hard hitting, fast paced action, resulting in three wins.

The loss to Sundre was a tough one that could have gone either way!

The weekend of Nov. 27 had two home games with two wins. The first game was against Cochrane, final score of 8-5 for Didsbury. Aaron Herold and Jeff Clazie each had a hat trick proving that hard work does pay off. Single goals were by Brad Edwards and Mike Whalen. Assists were awarded to Rob Leiper (2), Jeff Clazie, Les Marston and Jackson Meston. Excellent defensive play by Will Harvie, Chris Gole, Charles Weber, Jackson Meston and Ross Sundberg kept us in this game.

The second game of the weekend was a rough one against Hanna, with the final score 8-3 for Didsbury. Ben May had an outstanding game in net, literally standing on his head. Jeff Clazie had a four-goal and one-assist performance despite a serious check that had the fans holding their breath!

Cody Edwards played a strong checking game with two goals and an assist. Single goals went to Brett Fillmore and Aaron Herold. Assists were awarded to Chris Gole (2), Robbie Leiper (3), and Brad Edwards.

Keep working hard boys!

New and old faces at first 2000 season rodeo

Though you could practically predict the winners of some of the events at the Canadian Western Agribition Rodeo in Regina, SK, there was still room for surprises.

Seeing Dan Mortensen and Rod Warren at the top of the winners' circle in the saddle bronc isn't new. Mortensen rode Vold Rodeo's Weekend Warrior to an 83-point win, followed closely by Warren with 82 points.

Roger Lacasse is a consistent force in the bareback. An 83-point ride on Vold Rodeo's My Maria immediately launched him into top spot.

Last season, Karson Legault decided to get serious about his bull riding. His reward was second place in the Canadian standings.

Other rewards included one year's use of a new truck for winning the Dodge series, a cruise for winning the Skool Inc. tour, \$3,000 for winning the Coors Chute-Out series, and two buckles for winning the Saskatchewan circuit.

This season the Val Marie, SK, cowboy already looks to be making a repeat performance.

"Yeah, same thing," he says. "I'm just carrying right on with exactly the same plan as it was before, and obviously it's working."

With only one rodeo down, he planted himself in the number one spot and has \$4,634 in earnings, after an 89-point ride on Big Country Rodeo's Cowtown's Raisin' Hell.

"I just got done riding him during the Saturday morning performance in Edmonton. I was 85 on him there, so I was happy to draw him again."

B.J. Zieffle and Steven Gilbert shared a win in the steer wrestling and earned \$2,867 a piece.

So, with the new season off to a good start, it's already easy to see who's still hot from the last season. But don't count anybody out.

In the ladies barrel racing, Rana Walter got her season off to a great start by beating all the other ladies in a time of 13.45 seconds to win \$2,716. At just 17 years old, Walter will likely be in the picture for a long time.

The big surprise of the rodeo was in the calf roping. Permit roper Chris Quam pulled off the upset in the event by tying his

calf in 8.7 seconds and winning \$3,026.

"With Marty (Becker) and Cliff (Williamson) and all those guys who entered, I didn't think I had a chance," he says. "I was up Friday and they were up Sunday, and I didn't think I'd win it."

Quam bought his permit card this year for the sole purpose of entering Regina, but he never dreamed of winning it.

"I didn't think I was going to be able to win the rodeo like that, with all that kind of competition around."

But that is just what he did. And with that he filled his permit three times over (\$1,000 worth of winnings is needed), and now plans on turning pro.

The 24-year-old cowboy credits his horse Pokey for keeping up with his end of the team effort.

"It's just a young horse I just got going this year. Keeping his confidence up helps to go a long ways too."

And, of course, good stock always helps.

"I got a good draw and just thought about going roping and making a good run. I didn't think I was that quick. But it sure felt good when it happened."



RIGHT ON!
The Open Mens
Bonspiel held
last Saturday in
Didsbury was a
great success.
Lots of mens
teams turned
out to compete
for prizes and
had a lot of fun
in the process.

Photo by Nicole Smith

Big changes going down at Memorial Complex

Changes and improvements are continuing at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. This past spring and fall the facility received a bit of a facelift - tempered glass and some new gates in the arena, new flooring in the aquatic centre changerooms, and a paved, better-lit and fenced parking lot. The most recent change and improvement occurred on Dec. 1 when Town Council endorsed a retitling of the recreation and facilities portion of Community Services in response to a request by Memorial Complex Manager, Rhonda Hunter. Effective Jan. 1, 2000, Memorial Complex personnel will be carrying out their duties under their new name - Recreation & Facility Services. Rhonda

Hunter will be retitled as Manager of Recreation and Facility Services, and a new Programmer of Recreation and Facility Services will be hired. The Programmer will replace the position and assume the duties of the present Aquatic Coordinator position as well as assume the duties of the Head Cashier position. The Programmer will also assume scheduling and programming of all other recreation and recreation facilities within our community, such as the arena and ball diamonds.

Some other department changes include a more distinct organizational flow of Lifeguards as Lifeguard I, II, or III, and renaming cashiers (to reflect their representation of our

terrific facility) to Customer Service Agents.

These changes now appropriately reflect the scope of duties and responsibilities of what the Memorial Complex personnel have been doing for some time.

The personnel are truly looking forward to this new and improved retitling and will continue to represent recreation in Didsbury as effectively and efficiently as they have in the past. Should you have any questions regarding this or any other Recreation and/or Facility Service in Didsbury, Rhonda invites you to drop in at her office in the Memorial Complex where she will be happy to discuss your recreation item with you.

Tyke #1 team playing hard

Sunday, Nov. 28 saw a terrific game between Didsbury Tykes #1 and Bowden Tykes.

First period started with Dylan Hopkins scoring twice, one assisted by Craig Drever and the other assisted by Chris Beach.

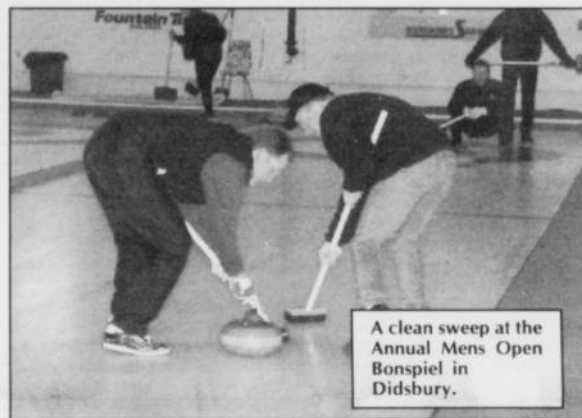
Bowden scored three goals late in the period ending the first with Bowden leading 3-2.

The second period saw Didsbury score eight goals. The first was by Chris Beach, assisted by Andrew Baron. Jesse Gole scored three unassisted goals, and Dylan Hopkins put in two unassisted. Another goal came from Chris Beach assisted by Dylan Hopkins and finally, Marc Paradis scored with an assist by James Lefebvre. Bowden scored three goals in the second period.

Didsbury poured it on in the third to score five more goals. Chris Beach scored three and Dylan Hopkins and Curtis Smith each netted one, all unassisted. Bowden answered back with three of their own to make the final score 13-9 for Didsbury.

Taylor Voszler made some great saves throughout the game to preserve the win in the third period. With great teamwork by Luke Paradis, Topher Large and Zachary Rahn to protect the lead and make it an interesting and close game.

Great game Didsbury Tykes #1.



A clean sweep at the
Annual Mens Open
Bonspiel in
Didsbury.

Didsbury Atom C Renegades

The Renegades faced Olds in a fast-paced match on Saturday Nov. 27 at home with Landon Gole between the pipes. The first period produced two goals by Jared Hunter, the second was assisted by Jan Milne. The score was tied up by Olds in the last minute of the period.

Luke Sunberg put the Renegades ahead in the second period assisted by Justin Mitchell. Olds came back with three quick goals to put the Renegades behind two points. Justin Mitchell assisted by Luke Sunberg and Matt Metka tried to even it back up with a goal. Olds answered back with another quick goal then Jared Hunter, assisted by Nicolas Renggli, scored for the hat-trick bringing Didsbury within two goals. Olds ended the second period scoring with only 39 seconds left.

Olds came out strong in the third period scoring again. The Renegades rallied for two more by Jan Milne, the second assisted by Luke Sunberg and Matt Matka. An exciting game was played by all the players.

Nov. 28 the Renegades faced off against the Carstairs Atom C Bruins in an exhibition game at home. Jared Hunter played in net for the Renegades and with the help of good defence kept them at bay until 2:50 of the second period. Playing great together, Didsbury kept Car-

stairs to that one goal until 11:47 of the third period. The Renegades kept playing end to end and trying to get their shots to go into the net, but to no avail. They did keep Carstairs off the scoreboard while they played short handed for two

minutes as Justin Mitchell cooled his jets in the penalty box.

Superb effort was shown by all the players who did a fantastic job. Carstairs directed three more in before the game was over.

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Many of the contracts tendered or proposals solicited by Operations Support - Bow Region are from established bidder lists, which have been prepared from responses received to this request.

To be considered on the types of opportunities listed above, or to be included on the bidders list, please forward a company profile which includes, as a minimum, the type of work of interest and a statement of qualifications. Please ensure that the statement of qualifications includes insurance, bonding, liability, Workers Compensation Board and safety prequalifications of your firm.

Commencing April 1, 2001, contractors will require "Certificates of Recognition" to provide services to the Department.

Expressions of Interest will be received by the Manager of Operations Support - Bow Region, Alberta Environment, Suite 100, 3115 - 12 Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 7J2, until January 31, 2000.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Ian Britton, Program Support and Contract Coordinator at (403) 678-5508 (toll-free within Alberta dial 310-0000 first).

Assistance for coaches through recreation grants

Having problems finding coaches? Do parents or volunteers keep coming up with excuses as to why they can't be involved with their children's sport clubs? Practically every sport in Alberta insists that every coach have the minimal coaching certification specific to that sport. This certification takes time to achieve and there is always a cost to travel and pay a registration fee. The Recreation Association of Big Country (RABC) has come up with a solution. They may not be able to put more hours in the day, but they

have been able to ease the financial burden on the pocketbook of these potential coaches. Through a grant program called the Big Country Coaching Assistance Program, they are able to provide financial assistance up to \$250 directly to the coaches to offset costs of attaining the certification. But the program doesn't stop there; other facets of the program include:

- Assistance for sport clubs or municipalities to host coaching or officiating programs
- Assistance to individual coaches/officials to attend certi-

fication courses or other professional development courses

• Assistance for sport clubs to establish a coaches mentoring program

• Assistance to provide a sport exchange where individuals/clubs can access alternate coaching and/or facilities

RABC is proud to announce that this is their second year in hosting this program. The first year saw \$6,000 being distributed to 51 sport clubs or individuals in 11 different communities (Olds, Sundre, Canmore, Didsbury, Hanna, Drumheller,

Balzac, Airdrie, Cochrane, Oyen and High River).

RABC has physical boundaries that stretch from Olds in the north to High River in the south and Banff in the west to Oyen in the east. The City of Calgary is

excluded. For an information brochure or an application form, please contact Teresa Schlachter at 403-678-5597 or Dave Turnbull at 403-297-2730 or your local Recreation/Community Services Department.

Snowmobile safety: Play it safe this upcoming winter

The Alberta Collision Information System (ACIS) captures information on motorized snow vehicles involved in reportable traffic collisions. That is, collisions that occur on a roadway and result in death, injury and/or total property damage exceeding \$1,000. For the purpose of collision reporting, a roadway means any primary highway, secondary highway, rural road, street, avenue, parkway, lane, alley, bridge (privately or publicly owned) where the public is ordinarily permitted to drive or park vehicles. This would include sidewalks, boulevards and ditches adjacent to and parallel with the roadway. (Information does not include collisions that occurred on private property.)

It should be noted that, in this time period, there are many more snowmobile incidents that did not occur on a roadway that

resulted in fatalities, injuries and property damage.

• Over the eight year period, 1991-1998, there were 202 collisions involving 220 motorized snow vehicles. Eighty-eight (43.6%) of the collisions resulted in either death or an injury. Nine people were killed and 100 injured in collisions involving a motorized snow vehicle over the eight years.

• The majority (70%) of the collisions occurred during hours of reduced winter light or darkness (3 p.m. to 7 a.m.).

• From 1991-1998, the majority (63.7%) of the snow vehicle operators involved in collisions were between 15 and 34 years of age. Twelve of the 96 operators (12.5%) involved in casualty producing collisions were between 10 and 14 years of age and 18 were between 15 and 19 (18.8%).

• Twenty-eight of the snow

vehicle operators involved in casualty collisions from 1991-1998 had consumed alcohol prior to the collision. Eight of the 10 operators involved in fatal collisions had been drinking prior to the collision.

• Individuals involved in motorized snow vehicle collisions sustained 53 minor, 47 major and 9 fatal injuries over the eight years. Approximately 38% of the snow vehicle operators and passengers who sustained an injury as a result of the collision were not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

• Environmental conditions over the eight year period is reflected in the number of reported collisions involving motorized snow vehicles. The years which reported the highest total number of traffic collisions occurring in snow, also reported the higher number of motorized snow vehicle collisions.

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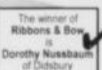
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CARDS OF THANKS

WE WOULD like to sincerely thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. Thank you for the many beautiful cards and gifts. It is truly appreciated. Jack and Debbie Brander. 34-11

THIS IS TO thank all who sent me cards, gifts, flowers, plants and home baking. Also for those who visited me in both hospitals and at home and enquired about my well being. Thanks again and God bless you all. Edith Eros. A SPECIAL thanks to my family for my 80th birthday party. To all my friends for cards and their best wishes, friends are so special. Thanks to the Anglican Ladies for changing the day of their tea. May God bless you all. Hazel Wilson.

OBITUARY

GOETJEN: Fredrick George Goetjen passed away peacefully on Nov. 29, 1999 in the Didsbury Hospital at the age of 89 years. He was born on Nov. 8, 1910 at Westcott, Alberta. Fredrick trucked and farmed in the Garfield district for over 60 years and also raised poled registered Herefords and originated the Gilead name. He was a founding member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury. Fredrick was predeceased by his wife, Helen. He is survived by his four children, Hope, Pearl, Carl and Eric; three grandchildren, Chris (Val) Goetjen; Carolyn (Grant) Pilgrim; Melinda Goetjen and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Dec. 4 from the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Didsbury with Reverend Robert Mohs officiating. Interment followed at the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Building Fund or STARS Air Ambulance. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

CARDS OF THANKS

WE WOULD like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and phoned during Elwood's hospital stay. A special thanks to Marilyn Cooper for her help and caring on Thursday. Thanks to Muriel Hoeft and the Lions Club for rides. A special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Didsbury Hospital for bringing him back, to STARS for their work. Everybody was so wonderful. Betty and Elwood Casebeer. WE WOULD like to express our thanks to our friends for their prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, baking, transportation, and donations to the Rosebud Foundation in Walter's memory. Thanks go also to the ambulance personnel from both Didsbury and Olds for their care; to the Emergency Staff at Olds Hospital; to Dr. James and the staff at the Didsbury Hospital for their compassionate care; to the neighbours on the 17th Ave. cul-de-sac for the flowers sent to Walter in hospital and for their donation to the Rosebud Foundation in his memory; to the UCW Ladies for the beautiful lunch following the service; and, to Rev. Martin Lynas for his visits and prayers. Special thanks to Rev. Malcolm Profit for his many visits to Walter in Calgary and Didsbury and for the caring visits to the family during Walter's illness and following his passing as well as for the comforting service. Birgit Due, Evan and Sharmini Due and family, Maryann and Kevin Kurtz and family.

MEMORIALS

WANNAMAKER: In loving memory of a dear son and brother, Daryl Dean, who passed away Dec. 7, 1986. The years may wipe out many things But this they'll wipe out never. The memory of those happy days When we were all together. We think of him in silence. His name we oft recall. But there's nothing left to answer But his picture on the wall. Just when his life was brightest Just when his hopes were best God called him from among us To a home of eternal rest. Ever loved. Dad, Mom, Rick, Dena and family, Darwin, Diane and family and Greg and Myrna and family.

FULKERTH: In loving memory of my dear son, Bernie (Biggie), who passed away Dec. 8, 1994. Oft and oft my thoughts do wonder, To the grave not far away. Where I laid my dear son Just five years ago today. I treasure the memories I have of you. So sadly missed, Mother, Lillian Fulkert.

IN LOVING memory of Bernie Fulkert. Five years ago the Lord came and took you home without a chance to say Good-bye. However, there is never a day that goes by when you are not in our thoughts or in our hearts. We all love you. Anna Mae, Sharon, Debbie, Peggy, Beverlee and Bennie.

IN LOVING memory of Bev Dippel, wife and 'Buddy', Mom and Mama, who passed away Dec. 11, 1997. There will always be this heartache and often the silent tears, We shall cherish those precious memories of the days when you were here. We hold you close within our hearts, And there you will remain, Your memories will walk with us throughout our lives, Until we meet again. Remembering you is easy, for we do it everyday, But missing you is a heartache that never goes away. Always remembered and sadly missed by 'Your Buddy' Merle, Marilyn and Dan, Michael, Colin, Kelly and Dwain.

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CASH IN/cash out. Coke, Pepsi, Hostess, M & M. Re-stock establishment unique vendors in your area. No selling. Full-time, part-time. Minimum investment \$13,980. 1-888-503-8884. 24 hours. awna
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08 CAREER TRAINING

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LAKELAND COLLEGE features programs in agricultural sciences, business and computer studies, environmental sciences, human services, liberal and performing arts, and trades and technology. Campuses in Vermilion, Alberta and Lloydminster, AB/SK. Phone 1-800-661-6490 or apply online at www.lakeland.ab.ca. awna
COUNSELLOR TRAINING Institute of Canada offers on-campus and correspondence courses toward a diploma in counselling practice to begin this month. Free catalogue, call 24 hours, 1-800-665-7044. awna
CRAFTS AND HOME based business course, commencing Feb. 1, 2000 at Drumheller for those interested in the establishment of a home based business. To register call Big Country Educational Consortium 403-823-8300 or Sally-Anne Downes at Olds College 403-556-4785. awna
CAREER in massage therapy? Alberta Institute of Massage, Red Deer offers full-time certification programs starting Jan. 17/00. Limited enrollment. Student financing available. Information: 403-346-1018. awna
EXCITING WELL paid careers in computer programming. We will prepare suitable applicants. Ministry of Education Registered Home Study Diploma Program. Financial assistance, loaner computer systems and job placement tools available. No experience necessary. 1-800-477-9578; www.cmstraining.com. awna

10 COMING EVENTS

HORSE BREEDERS, and Owners Conference, Capri Centre, Red Deer, January 7 - 9, 2000. North America's Premiere Horse Conference. Fifteen Internationally recognized speakers. Topics: nutrition, health care, training, reproduction, transportation, business. Cost \$75. Contact: Horse Industry Section, Alberta Agriculture, 403-948-8538 Airdrie; 780-415-6107 Edmonton. awna

CLASSIFIEDS

10 COMING EVENTS

HEARING CLINIC - Free hearing tests will be conducted at Didsbury Victoria Square Mall Dec. 15-16. To arrange an appointment in advance or for more information, call 1-403-266-7389, The Hearing Associates. 34-2t

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED

F/T Bookkeeper/ Secretary. Preference given to applicants with Simply, Excel, Word experience. Please state salary expectation.

Send resume to:
Bookkeeping
Box 670,
Didsbury, AB
T0M 0W0
35-2t

JOURNEYMAN mechanic wanted. Apply at Ron's Automotive Repair or phone 335-8784. 36-3t

ROSS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL requires A Qualified Teacher Assistant to work with behavioural problems in the classroom.

In this position, duties include providing support and assistance to teachers and students in classrooms and on playground supervision. This includes: communications regarding planning, supporting appropriate behaviour modification techniques, and supporting the everyday assistance with skill development related to academic, emotional and behavioral difficulties. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and experience working with children with emotional and/or behavioral problems. Preference will be given to candidates who are certified teacher assistants.

Interested candidates are to FAX resumes complete with references to David Couves, Principal at (403) 335-4930. Application deadline is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 1999. Only short listed candidates will be contacted. 34-1t



The David Thompson Health Region is responsible for delivering healthcare services to over 170,000 residents in Central Alberta, as well as operating 8 acute care, 14 long-term care facilities and 12 community health centres.

REGISTERED NURSES SUNDRE HOSPITAL & CARE CENTRE

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You are a graduate from an accredited school of nursing and possess a current Alberta Registration or work permit along with current CPR certification. Your knowledge includes up-to-date nursing concepts and practices and can show evidence of self-improvement. You realize the ethical and moral responsibilities of this position and are courteous, positive and possess good communication skills. Able to work independently in an organized and efficient manner, you are conscientious, inventive and self-motivated. You have proven initiative and sound judgement to respond to emergency or unusual situations. Recent experience in Acute Care and Emergency, preferably in a rural setting, is an asset. There are full-time, part-time and casual positions. The salary range for these positions will be as per the UNA Collective Agreement.

Please forward your resume, in confidence, to Director Patient Care Services, Sundre Hospital and Care Centre, Sundre, Alberta T0M 1X0. Fax: (403) 638-4971. E-mail: dthr1@tnttinc.com

Learn more about us at www.dthr.ab.ca

Applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

LAC LA BICHE District Natural Gas Co-op has an immediate opening for a full-time service person. Qualified gasfitter with RMO and utility certification would be preferred. Only applicants interviewed receive response. Please submit resume by Dec. 20/99: Box 1050, Lac La Biche, AB, T0A 2C0. Fax 780-623-4900. awna

SERVICE TECHNICIAN - If you are a 4th year or journeyman technician with GM experience, are committed to superior customer and work well in a team environment. We can offer you a position with superior training, excellent salary, benefits, and bonus structure, a top notch facility and equipment, and a service team that is committed to your success. Contact Barry Brown in confidence at Ulmer Chev Olds, 2101 - 50 Ave., Lloydminster, SK, S9V 1Z7. 306-825-8866 or fax 306-825-2099. awna

DRIVERS WANTED for Whitecourt and area. Must have one year tank truck experience, clean Class 1 licence, TDG, WHMIS and H2S, First aid is an asset. Must have mechanical knowledge and be able to work without supervision. Excellent wages, full benefit package, and retirement program. Fax resume to 780-778-8798. awna

BUSY SERVICE RIG company is now taking applications for floorhand and derrickhand positions. Pre med may be required. Fax resume to 780-384-3007.

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXPERIENCED HANDS to fill various positions on drilling rigs (toolpushers, drillers, derrickhands, and motorhands). Send resume to: Attention: Human Resources, Box 1090, Brooks, AB, T1R 1B9. awna

BOUNDARY FORD and RV Sales, Lloydminster requires RV Sales Manager to sell exclusive Fleetwood products. Remuneration on experience, full benefit package. Contact: Warren Lux or Rick Graff 1-800-561-4481. awna

THE DAUPHIN HERALD, an award winning weekly newspaper in the Heart of Manitoba's Parkland requires a general news reporter/photographer. The Herald newsroom features leading edge technology and covers a large geographic area. A vehicle is required, camera equipment is supplied. Send resume to: The Editor, The Dauphin Herald, Box 548, Dauphin, MB, R7N 2V3. Fax 204-638-8760. awna

SIGN ON BONUS. CoolX Ltd. has an immediate requirement for professional drivers based in Western Canada. Driver requirements: Class 1 license, 2 years minimum experience, must be able to run U.S., good abstract, positive attitude. Calgary, Northern Alberta and BC call Len for appointment (toll free) 1-877-207-1101; cell 1-403-660-3952. Southern Alberta/Sask. call Daryl 1-877-207-1101; cell 403-540-8421.

SERVICE MANAGER and journeyman mechanic with Chrysler experience required. Salary to be based upon experience. Dealership located 15 minutes from Jasper National Park, 3 hours from Edmonton. Please apply in person with resume or fax to 780-865-7374. Hinton Chrysler Ltd., 247 Gregg Ave., Hinton, Alberta. awna

ESTABLISHED CENTRAL ALBERTA Case IH dealership requires 3rd/4th year, or journeyman service technician. Position would entail both shop and field responsibilities. Must be a team player with good organizing ability. Computer knowledge would be an asset. Company offers competitive wages with an established bonus system, excellent group benefit plan, and a group self directed R.R.S.P. plan. Submit resume to: Box P, Stettler Independent, Box 310, Stettler, AB, T0C 2L0. awna

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DRIVERS WANTED. Experienced drivers required for Alberta, local and long distance livestock hauling. Must have clean abstract, 3 years driving experience, customer service oriented attitude, previous livestock handling an asset. We offer steady work, competitive wage, late model equipment. Call 1-403-362-4436. Adventure Livestock Ltd., Ralor Trucking (1998) Ltd. CANMORE GARDEN MARKET IGA has positions available for Department Head in meat department, deli and grocery. Bakery positions also available. Please send applications to: Pat Roach, #2, 950 Railway Ave., Canmore, AB, T1W 1P4. awna

PROGRESSIVE, RURAL, volume driven General Motors dealership requires experienced new and used salesperson. Commissionable salary, demo and full medical, dental plan offered. Applicants must be aggressive, customer oriented and provide clean driver's abstract. Confidential replies to: K.R. Slezak, Slezak Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd., 403-823-6177. awna

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN required for busy four man shop, Coaldale, Alberta. Journeyman preferred. Hourly wage. Benefits. Fax resume 403-345-2620 or phone Fred, 403-345-4411 weekdays; 403-345-5383 evenings. awna

DIRECTOR OF Public Works. The County of Wetaskiwin, a progressive rural municipality, invites applications for the position of Director of Public Works. Reporting to the County Administrator, the Director of Public Works is responsible for the overall management of the department including the supervision of 30 staff, management of an operating budget of \$6.6 million, and long-term planning. The successful candidate will demonstrate proven management, communication, interpersonal and leadership skills with a record of directly related experience in the construction/maintenance of rural roads and related infrastructures. Post-secondary education in a related discipline will be an asset. The successful candidate must be willing to relocate within the boundaries of the County of Wetaskiwin. The County of Wetaskiwin offers a strong corporate culture, an excellent benefits package and salary will be commensurate with qualifications. Resume listing qualifications, experience, education and references will be accepted by fax or mail until 4:30 p.m., December 17, 1999: Frank Coutney, County Administrator, County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, Box 6960, Wetaskiwin, AB, T9A 2G5. Fax 780-352-3486. We thank all applicants for their interest in this position and advise that only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. awna

HEALTH AUTHORITY 5 requires full time CLXT in their Strathmore facility. Significant callback and relief also available. Certification and experience an asset. Submit resume quoting competition number 99-273 to: Attention: Position Control Clerk, Box 429, Drumheller, AB, T0J 0Y0 or fax 403-823-5418. awna

SALARIED POSITIONS in the Automotive Industry. High volume dealership; team spirit; fast paced, positive work environment; support training; benefits package. If you strive for excellence and have the desire to be #1 in car sales - we want you! Fax resume in confidence to 780-930-3196. Denny Andrews Ford, 18208 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton. awna

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17 FEED AND SEED

FOR SALE - 4' X 4' X 8' big square bales. 1st cut alfalfa and Brome. No rain. 1st 100 kilometres delivered free. Wheat and barley straw available. Phone 403-224-3810 or 403-224-2591. Bowden, Alberta. awna

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18 FOR RENT

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Call 335-4762

HOUSE IN country for rent. Zella area. Four bedroom complete with stove, fridge and garage. Available Jan. 1, 2000. If interested, call (403) 289-3101. 35-2t

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TWO BEDROOM house, four miles west of Didsbury. \$500 mth, \$500 DD, includes utilities. References required. 335-9106 after 6 p.m. 34-1t

FOR RENT: Two bedroom apt. close to downtown. \$575, includes utilities. \$575 DD. No pets please. Three bedroom house on large lot. Newly renovated. \$650 plus utilities. No pets. Centrally located. Call Daphne at 335-8930. 37-4t

19 FOR SALE

A "BOGNER" ski suit, one piece, pale green, size 12, like new, \$85. Hoover washer/ spin dryer, \$50. 335-3597. 34-2t

PETWA WATER softener, iron filter, brine tank. Works fine. First \$65 gets it. Phone 335-3560. 34-2t

COMPUTER FOR sale. IBM PC 486, 66 MHZ, 32 MB RAM, 2x540 MB HD. Keyboard, mouse, 15" monitor, Win 95 and Lotus SmartSuite 97 CDS. Fully Y2K ready. For \$250. Call 335-9796. 34-2t

FIREWOOD FOR SALE. Dry pine, split and delivered within local area. By cord or half cord. Phone 335-3548. 35-2t

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24 LIVESTOCK

SADDLE SALE. 20 new saddles including 15 1/2" roper saddle, \$895. 14" pleasure or barrel saddle, \$695. 16" pleasure saddle, \$675. English Wintec saddle package, \$550. 15 used saddles, including fancy pleasure saddle, \$475. Circle Y show saddle, \$700. Child's English saddle fitted, \$295. Johnson Ranching Tack Store, (403) 335-4115. 34-11

OVER THIRTY ideas for \$10 or less. Gifts for horse people to suit all budgets. Johnson Ranching Tack Store, (403) 335-4115. 34-11

26 LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

ROSENEATH BLONDES Dispersal Sale, Noon Sat., Dec. 11, 1999. Agricenter Westerner Park, Red Deer. 136 lots - 91 cows, 17 yearling heifers, 21 heifer calves, 4 bull calves, 3 herd sires. Owners: Bob/Marlene Braithwaite 403-224-2071. awna

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28 MANUFACTURED HOMES

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33 PERSONALS

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34 PETS

DWARF RABBIT, indoor pet. One year old with cage. \$25. Please contact Wendy at 335-3763. 34-11

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES for sale. Available week of Dec. 13. \$150./each. Phone Dee or Pat at 780-795-2362. awna

31 NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE River's Edge Bible Camp WATER ACT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE is given that River's Edge Camping Ministries has filed an application under the provisions of the *Water Act* to construct riverbank modification works located in the NE1/4 17-31-4-W5M.

Pursuant to section 109 of the *Water Act (Alberta)*, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a notice of objection (or appeal) with the Environmental Appeal Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

Manager, Regional Support Branch, Parkland Region
Alberta Environment
Natural Resources Service
501, 4920 - 51 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 6K8

within 30 days of the date of this notice.
Please quote file number: 87045

Note: Statements filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public.

The application may be viewed at:
Alberta Environment
Natural Resources Service
Parkland Region - Red Deer Area
404, 4911 - 51 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 6V4
Telephone: (403) 340-5142

34-11

35 REAL ESTATE

10 ACRES, 1 year old 2,376 sq. ft. home, 3 miles from Valleyview. Beautiful yard, quiet location. Huge kitchen c/w custom oak cabinets, upgraded fixtures and appliances. Built-in stove top, oven and dishwasher. Extra large master bedroom, ensuite, 6' jet tub. 32' X 40' heated shop c/w water, 42' X 24' barn. \$210,000. Adjacent 130 acres, new 4-wire fence, creek. \$55,000. 780-524-4143. awna

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The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

Annual Meeting

The Didsbury and District Light Horse Association Annual Meeting and potluck supper will be held Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Westcott Hall.

Potluck Dinner

Christmas Potluck Dinner at the 5-0 Club will be Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Meat supplied.

Rosebud Concert

Annual Rosebud Christmas Concert will be Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. Potluck supper. Bring main dish and salad or dessert. Santa will visit.

Ice Stampede

Scout Ice Stampede will be Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. 50/50 draw. Come out and support your local Scouting group.

DIDSBURY

Lights Tour

Please phone Florence at 335-3327 to reserve your seat on the Seniors Bus, leaving the 5-0 Centre on Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. to Calgary, a stop at Deerfoot Mall for supper (your own expense) and a tour of Airdrie on the way home.

Christmas Outreach

Children's Christmas Outreach Program at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Dec. 11 from 2:30-4 p.m.

Finger Food Potluck

Join Mom's Time Out for a finger food potluck Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Call Kerri at 335-9928 for more information.

DIDSBURY

Family Craft Day

Mountain View Community Hall will be holding a Kids and Family Craft Day on Dec. 11 from 12-3 p.m. Make some Christmas crafts, play games and win prizes. Concession available. Santa will be there. Blueberry the Clown and a magician will be entertaining. Bring your own camera. Cost is \$10 per family. 335-9112.

Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome to attend.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westgren School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868. Will be closed Dec. 18 to Jan. 18.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marge Stecker at 335-4281

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

An educational and social program for children 3-5 years is now accepting registrations for Sept. To register or for info call Cherrie at 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

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SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

CREMONA

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Sunday. For more info call 337-2331

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra at 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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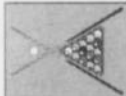
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